



1. **Lessons from the Vine:** Be careful who or what you \_\_\_\_\_ on.
2. **Lessons from the Vine:** No Pain, No \_\_\_\_\_. **vs. 2-3**
  - **Ephesians 2:10** "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."
  - **Galatians 5:22-24** "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."
3. **Lessons from the Vine:** \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ is the key to Spiritual growth.
  - A. What does it look like to ABIDE IN CHRIST?
    1. You obey Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ (**John 15:10, 1 John 3:24**).
    2. You follow Jesus' example (1 John 2:6) and live free from habitual sin (**1 John 3:6**).
    3. You continue to believe the Good News and \_\_\_\_\_ it. (**1 John 2:24**)
    4. You relate in love to the community of believers, Christ's body (**John 15:12**).
    5. In time you see spiritual growth - **15:5** "Fruit" is not limited to soul winning. Answered prayer, joy, and love are mentioned as fruit.
  - B. Psychologists tell us that people need three things to make them \_\_\_\_\_ : (1) something to do, (2) someone to \_\_\_\_\_, and (3) something to look forward to.
    1. Jesus gives us something **to do**, saying, "I tell you the truth, whoever believes in me will do the same thing that I do" (**John 14:12**).
    2. Jesus gives us someone **to love**, saying, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with Him" (**John 14:23 NIV**).
    3. And Jesus gives us something **to look forward to**, saying, "When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am" (**John 14:2 NLT**).

# Connection Group Questions

*Further Study on the Sermon from July 3, 2022*

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1. Name one fruit you could do without? What is your favorite fruit?
2. What is Jesus trying to communicate by calling himself the "True Vine?"
3. What is the significance of calling his disciples "branches?"
4. The Father prunes fruitful branches to make them more fruitful (**v. 2**). In what ways have you experienced the Father's "pruning," and what were the results?
5. There are three categories of branches described in this passage - those bearing no fruit, those bearing some fruit, and those bearing much fruit. In which category would you place yourself and why?
6. If you are not bearing much fruit, what is Jesus's counsel to you in these verses? What are some specific things you can do to deepen your relationship with Jesus?
7. What hesitancy do you have about cultivating your relationship with Jesus?
8. **Verse 7** tells us, "you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted." Does this really mean we can ask for anything we want, or is it conditional upon our obedience?

Passages to look up:

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Hebrews 10:19-25, James 5:16, Philippians 4:6**