

- Option C: The Vinedresser “lifts up” unfruitful branches to _____
_____ bear fruit because they are “in” Jesus.

2. The Vinedresser _____ fruitful branches so they bear _____ fruit.

- The Vinedresser uses His _____ to prune us for _____ fruitfulness.
- The Vinedresser uses _____ to prune us for _____ fruitfulness.

Our Fruitfulness

What is the _____ we bear as we abide in Jesus?

1. As we abide in Jesus, we will bear _____ fruit.
2. As we abide in Jesus, we will bear _____ fruit.
3. As we abide in Jesus, we will bear _____ fruit.
4. As we abide in Jesus, we will bear _____ fruit.

TAKING ACTION

Pruning is painful! These days, how is the Vinedresser using the Word and/or trials in your life to prune you for more fruitfulness in His disciple-making mission? What do you think He’s trying to teach you? How might He be trying to shape you?

Last week, in John 15, we began to explore Jesus’ vine/branches picture. Today, we continue our study with a look at the Vinedresser’s work and our fruitfulness.

LAST WEEK . . .

- 1. The goal is our MISSION FRUITFULNESS.**
- 2. Jesus is the VINE, the SOURCE of all fruitfulness.**
- 3. We are the BRANCHES, whose PURPOSE is fruitfulness.**
 - We bear fruit by ABIDING in Jesus.
 - We abide in Jesus by RESTING in His LOVE.
 - We abide in Jesus by letting His WORD abide in US.
 - We abide in Jesus by OBEYING His WORD.
 - We abide in Jesus by ASKING in His NAME.

TODAY . . .

The Vinedresser’s Work

1. Does the Vinedresser “_____” or “_____” unfruitful branches?
 - _____ = “take away” or “lift up”
 - Option A: The Vinedresser “takes away” unfruitful branches because they were “in” Jesus, but they _____ their salvation.
 - Option B: The Vinedresser “takes away” unfruitful branches because they were _____ “in” Jesus.

JOHN

LIFE IN JESUS

Jesus and Our Fruitfulness

John 15:1-17

Sunday, November 19, 2023

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Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org/groups

CONNECT *(ask this question to check-in with your group)*

In John 15 Jesus talks about pruning producing fruitfulness. Pruning is painful! Can you think of other places in life where pain produces good, growth and/or fruit?

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read John 15:1-17 together as a group. How did you "come under" God's Word and the message this week? How did this text/message speak to you?
2. What are the two different possible translations for "AIRO" in John 15:2? Given these two translations, what are the three different interpretations (options) of the first phrase of John 15:2? Which option do you think is correct and why? (Some disagreement among your group is healthy and good!)

3. Pruning is painful! These days, how is the Vinedresser using the Word and/or trials in your life to prune you for more fruitfulness in His disciple-making mission? What do you think He's trying to teach you? How might He be trying to shape you?
4. Do you tend to think of the mission of Jesus as a "small, short game" or as a "big, long game?"
5. What are the 4 types of fruit mentioned in John 15 and how does each relate to the mission of Jesus?
6. Do you see your life as connected to, and fruitful in, the mission of Jesus? In what ways? (Help one another in your group see those connections!)

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Use John 15 as a springboard to abide in Jesus together, and pray for a greater fruitfulness in Jesus' disciple making mission.
- Share ways you're experiencing the Vinedresser's pruning, and pray for one another's submissiveness in the process and fruitfulness through the process.