

## Abide: Pruned to Love

The Gospel According to John

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John 15

### BIG IDEA:

That this life as a follower of Christ has nothing to do with our checklist mentality, but rather a lifelong transformation through \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

### Key Verse:

“He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit, he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.” *John 15:2*

### Background:

John chapter 15 continues the upper room discourse that began in chapter 13 as Jesus prepares His disciples for what is about to take place. This chapter brings us the final of Jesus’ 7 I AM statements found in this gospel – I AM the True Vine as Jesus instructs His disciples how they ought to relate to Him, each other and the world following His impending departure.

<sup>1</sup> “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.” *John 15:1*

### **Biblical Truth #1 (vv. 1-8)**

Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ & following Him involves a \_\_\_\_\_

“Cutting off” vs “Pruning”

Galatians 5:22-23 The Fruit of the SPIRIT.

Reflection Question: *Where might God be pruning you right now?*

~ Pruning is proof of God’s presence, not His absence! ~

Have a Blessed Sunday!

**Biblical Truth #2 (vv. 9-12)**

\_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ fruit of the Spirit.

*As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. John 15:9*

*“If you love me, you will obey what I command.” John 14:15*

*→ Obedience flows from love, not fear!*

I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

*Challenge: Love is tested most with those hardest to love – **start there!***

**Biblical Truth #3 (vv. 18-27)**

From God \_\_\_\_\_ us to God \_\_\_\_\_ us!

*As followers of Christ, we are to expect difficulty but can remain steadfast with the power and help of the Holy Spirit!*

“<sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <sup>17</sup> This is my command: Love each other.

**SO WHAT?**

**EVALUATE** *where are the areas in your life that you are resisting God’s pruning?*

**NOW WHAT?**

**SURRENDER** your checklists and fall back in love with Christ...Abide!

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