

## Bible Study Questions

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

I AM the True Vine

Purpose

John 15:1-8

1. In the natural world, what does the main vine do for the smaller branches?

What benefits do the branches provide to the vine?

2. Jesus uses the vine and branches as an allegory of the relationship he has with his followers. If he is the vine and we are the branches, what does Jesus provide in the relationship?

What do we as branches provide for Jesus the vine?

3. God the Father is the overseer and caretaker of the relationship between Jesus and his followers. How does he tend to the branches that bear fruit and to the branches that do not (v. 2)?

4. What is the "fruit" that the Father desires to see in our lives?

Take a few moments to reflect quietly before you respond: What specifically do you think is the fruit the Father desires for you?

5. Jesus repeatedly calls us to “remain” or “abide” in him. What does that mean?

What are the consequences of not remaining in him?

6. How might the Father “prune” our lives to prompt us to produce more fruit?
7. How does this passage help you understand God’s purposes for the difficult pruning experiences in your life?
8. Based on this passage, how would you explain to a friend what your purpose in life really is?
9. What specific steps can you take to remind yourself of God’s purpose for your life as you go through the routine of your day?