

John 15:1-11

What is the significance of Jesus saying He is the “true” vine?

How has the illustration of a vine or vineyard been used before in the Scriptures? (**Is 5:1-7; etc.**)

What is the primary goal of the vine and measure of its success? (**vv. 2, 5, 8**) What does this represent in our lives spiritually? (**Matt 7:15-23; 13:23; Luke 3:7-14; Gal 5:22-24**)

CONNECTION: Abiding in Him

vv. 4-7 – What is the most foundational requirement needed for the branches of the vine to bear fruit?

What does it mean to abide in Jesus? (**vv. 9-10; Rom 11:22; 1 John 2:5-6; 2 John 9**)

NOURISHMENT: His Word in Us

v. 7 – What exactly about abiding in the vine allows the branches to grow and bear fruit? How does Jesus accomplish this in us?

List as many illustrations as you can think of throughout the Scriptures that describe the work of God’s word within us?

PRUNING: Cultivating Character

vv. 2-3 – Explain the concept of pruning in agriculture and how this helps a plant to grow and bear more fruit.

How does God accomplish this pruning process in our lives spiritually? (*compare Matt 5:29-30; 13:22*)