ABIDE IN THE VINE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

John 15:1-17 - Sermon Outline and Notes for Meditation:

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	What is Jesus teaching?			
		What must we do?		
		What do we gain?		
1		nen Jesus says "I am the true vine," what is he claiming about himself? Have we seen Jesus make similar statements? Read John 6:35; 8:12; 9 & 11; 11:25; and 14:6.		
		a. When the vine is talked about in the Old Testament, who is that a reference to? Read Psalm 80:8-16 and Isaiah 5:1-7. Why did Jesus have to come if there was already a vine?		
	•	b. Who is the vinedresser? What does the vinedresser do to care for and provide for the vineyard? Read John 15:2. How has God provided for and cared for you?		
	•	c. Have you ever undergone the pruning process so that you can produce more fruit? Was that process painful? Was the result worth under-going the pruning process? Read Hebrews 12:3-11.		
	•	d. It is interesting to note, that the branches are part of the vine, and that while branches are pruned, in some way the Vine is pruned too. How does Romans 8:17, Hebrews 2:17-18 help us understand this better?		
2	gui	e word abide occurs eleven times in John 15:1-17. Study the statements below in the context of the passage. Use the following questions to de your thinking: What does it mean to abide in Christ? What does it look like practically? Why is it sometimes hard to abide in Christ? What our culture pushes us away abiding in Christ?		
		a. To abide there is the pre-requisite of faith:		

		b. To abide in Christ, is Christ abiding in you:	
		c. To abide in Christ is to abide in his Love:	
		d. To abide in Christ is Keep his commandments:	
3	wh ben	nat does this passage point to as the fruit of abiding? Search for hints using phrases such as "that" or nefits of abiding in Christ.	r "so that". Look for find the results and
		a. What other passages of Scriptures come to mind when you think of being fruitful in God. What does	it mean for us to be fruitful?
		b. What can we do to be fruitful in God? Read 2 Peter 1:3-9. What can we learn from this passage abo	out being fruitful?
	•	c. Are you being fruitful in Christ? What do you think you can do, to be more fruitful?	
4	The Wh	e passage, while talking about the branches, mentions branches that are cut and thrown away.	PRAYER REQUESTS
		a. Consider some of the internal evidence within the book of John 6:37-39, John 10:27-28 and John 15:3. What can we say about who these branches are not?	
	Q	b. In the immediate context of this passage who is this referring to? Read 1 John 2:19.	
		c. What is the danger of pushing a metaphor too far? What principles can we that we can keep in mind as we study and interpret parables and metaphor in the bible?	