

ABIDE IN THE VINE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

JOHN 15:1-17

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

 What is Jesus teaching _____?

 What must we do _____?

 What do we gain _____?

1 **When 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; 10:9 & 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 **The 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 guide 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 in our culture pushes us away abiding in Christ?

 a. To abide there is the pre-requisite of faith:

