



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Life Group Questions
A Vineyard
John 15:1-8
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Getting Started

One of my favorite things to do while driving is to look and discover beautiful farms along my route. Do you have a beautiful farm that has caught your attention on some route you've driven in the past? What does the condition of the place say about the owner? What about run down properties you've driven past...what does that condition say about the owners?

1) Read John 15:1-3. God often used the illustration of a vine to teach biblical truths. (See Jer. 2:21, Luke 13:6-9) What is the general point of the illustration? What does the vine illustrate? What does the branch illustrate? What does the gardener illustrate? What are the two kinds of Christians mentioned in verse two? What happens to branches that produce no fruit? What happens to branches that do produce fruit? How have you been pruned in your Christian walk? (See James 1:2-4)

2) Read John 15:4-5. Why is it necessary for us as believers to 'remain' in Jesus? (See Phil. 4:19) Think of some things a vine does for branches and how a vine is rooted in good soil. How does our vine supply us with strength? (See Col. 2:6-7 & Eph. 3:17) How does our vine supply us with nourishment? (See Eph. 5:29 & 1 Tim. 4:16) How does our vine supply us with spiritual blessings? (See Eph. 1:3 & 2 Pet. 1:3)

3) Read John 15:6-8. What does fire in verse 6 represent and what does it teach us about our salvation? (See Luke 3:8-9) In verse 7 what two conditions are given that we can ask and receive whatever we ask? What is the ultimate purpose for bearing fruit according to verse 8?

Making it Real

What type of fruit does your small group produce? What are some ways you as a small group can be producing fruit together? Spend time praying about ways to be used as a group to produce fruit for Jesus.