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- What is the responsibility of each part in the "vineyard?"
- How are these images similar to Psalm 1? How are they different?
- Why do you think we often make "fruit" the goal instead of the result? How have you seen this in your own life?
- What are some ways Christians today try to produce fruit apart from remaining connected to Jesus? What does Jesus say happens when we attempt to do that?
- Why do you think Jesus sets Love and Joy as the goals of sharing this story? How is Joy different from happiness?
- Where do you see yourself "abiding" with Jesus? Where is it a challenge for you? How will you respond to Jesus?

PRAY

Heavenly Father, you are the source of life and through your Son, Jesus Christ, we have been given new life. Help us to abide in him as we seek to bear fruit in our lives. Show us your love and bless us with your joy, Lord. Amen



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