

## 11-1-2020 John 15 Sermon Squeezers

Using the familiar illustration of the grape vine, Jesus explains how we grow the fruit of righteousness. Fruit bearing is the world seeing the reflection of Jesus in our lives.

1. In John 15: 2 pruning of the vine takes place in order for more fruit to be manifest. The word Prune is the exact same word as “clean” used in verse 3 and in Ephesians 5:25-27. Explain in your own words what cleaning/pruning is. Who is doing the cleaning/pruning? What is used to clean us?
2. Pastor Dan said, “God wants his people to bear the evidence on the outside of their lives about the inward transformation of Christ-like character”. Read Galatians 5: 16- 24. The deeds (fruit) of the flesh are listed in verses 19-21. The fruit of the Spirit are named in Galatians 5:22-23. Which of these fruit do you find in abundance in your own life? Which of these fruit is rarer to find in your life? Take time with God to discuss this.
3. John 15:4-5 Jesus explains how we can bear much fruit; how our characters can be transformed to His image. What does remaining or abiding in him look like in your life?

Growth of fruit is determined by our relationship to the true Vine, being plugged in to Jesus and submitting to the Father’s pruning. Pastor Dan challenges us to ask God, “What are three things that I could start doing or stop doing to help me to plug more intimately in to the Vine?” God, the Father knows each of us intimately and would love to help us grow as we examine our lives before Him.

4. We can find 3 or 4 positive results of abiding in Jesus which are listed in verses 7-11. Please list those. Which of these positive relational promises means the most to you this week? Why?