

**Organic: Cultivating Spiritual Growth**  
**“Flourishing”**  
**John 15:1-3**

1. God has a **vision** for your life: Spiritual **Growth**.

Jesus is the **Vine**.

You will **grow** as you stay connected to the Vine.

The **Spirit** flows through the Vine.

We are the **branches**.

We are made to **bear fruit**.

Fruit is **Christlikeness**. (Fruit of the **Spirit**)

Fruit is making **disciples**.

The Father is the **Gardener**.

He’s **motivated** to produce much fruit.

He **knows** just what to do to produce fruit.

He’s **actively** working to help us bear fruit.

2. God wants you to **flourish**: to bear much fruit.

Four kinds of branches:

**No** fruit

**More** fruit

**Some** fruit

**Much** fruit

3. God is **working** in your life to help you flourish.

If you are bearing fruit God will **prune** you.

Removing things that **hinder** growth.

If you are not bearing fruit God will **lift** you **up**.

**Caring** for you to help you grow.

God is **Committed** to do whatever it takes to produce the fruit of spiritual growth in your life.

How will you **respond** to God’s work in your life?

**LifeGroup Questions: Applying the Teaching to Our Life**

1. Tell your group about a time when it felt to you like God wasn’t working in your life. What happened?
2. Why does Jesus add the word “true” to his statement in John 15:1? Who is Jesus comparing himself to? (Read Psalm 80 and Isaiah 5:1-7.) Why does he compare himself to the other vine?
3. Review the three subpoints under “The Father is the Gardener.” How does it make you feel knowing those things are true about the Father?
4. What kind of branch are you right now; a branch with no fruit, some fruit, more fruit, or much fruit?
5. What kind of pruning has God been doing in your life?
6. If you were the Gardener, what area in your life might you say needs to be pruned?

**Core CHRISTlike Characteristic: Connected to God through the Word and Prayer**