

REMAINING...THE ART OF STAYING CONNECTED

John 15:1-11

Big Idea: Staying connected to Jesus is where I find life.

Staying connected is active.

Staying connected produces fruit.

Staying connected is where love grows.

Staying connected is where I'll experience joy.

NEXT STEPS:

Ask the Holy Spirit to bring to mind...

- How has "pruning" in the past helped you grow?
- When have you experienced joy by being connected to Jesus?
- What makes you feel most connected to Jesus? (Put it on your calendar to do that thing this week.)

LIVE IT OUT

Putting the Bible into Practice:

Read John 14:23, 15:4-5 & 1 John 3:23. What does it mean to abide? What do you regularly do to abide in Jesus? What does it mean that the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit abide in you? Why is it impossible to bear fruit 'that lasts' apart from the Trinity's power working in your life?

Read Matthew 13:1-9; Philippians 1:9-11 & Galatians 5:22-25. What kind of fruit does the Father (vinedresser) desire? Reflect on the past 2 weeks of your life. What fruit (good or bad) comes to mind? Describe one of your most fruitful seasons and how you 'abided' during that time.

How have you experienced 'pruning'? From John 15:7,16 & James 5:16-18 what are the conditions for powerful prayer? How does abiding impact your joy & the way you love others?

Challenge:

Demonstrate your obedience TODAY! Thank Jesus for sending the Holy Spirit to live in you!