

# The Vine & the Branches

## John 15:1-8

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Essentials Series

**Reflect**

Outline: Recap

**Realize**

Points to Ponder

**Respond**

Questions to draw out understanding.

### REFLECT

There are soooooo many things to adjust to and learn as we begin our new life in Christ. This series is about “ESSENTIALS”...that which is absolutely necessary; extremely important... Nothing ...ABSOLUTELY NOTHING is more essential than what the Amplified Bible calls your “vital union” with Christ. John uses the metaphor of a vine and branches to give us a picture that communicates what our relationship with Christ looks like. There are ESSENTIAL truths to be drawn out from the vine and branch metaphor that will help us live a more fruitful life in Christ.

### REALIZE

#### 1. Jesus is the TRUE vine.

- **Scripture Reference;** John 15:1
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - Do I view my relationship to Jesus as the source of fruitfulness in my life?

#### 2. Jesus will lead us into seasons (repeatedly) of PRUNING.

- **Scripture Reference;** John 15:2-3
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - Do I view my relationship to Jesus as the source of fruitfulness in my life?

#### 3. Without JESUS there is no fruitfulness in our lives.

- **Scripture Reference;** John 15:4
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - Do I view my relationship to Jesus as the source of fruitfulness in my life?

#### 4. Know Your Position and Role.

- **Scripture Reference;** John 15:5
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - What does union with Christ look like practically in my life throughout the day?

#### 5. Our lives WITHER and DIE apart from God.

- **Scripture Reference;** John 15:6
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - What does union with Christ look like practically in my life throughout the day?

## 6. IF (conditional) I DWELL IN CHRIST and HE in me I will bear much fruit.

- **Scripture Reference;** John 15:7
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - What prevents me from being more dependent/trusting of Jesus for my life?

## 7. Our fruitfulness HONORS God and authenticates our relationship.

- **Scripture Reference;** John 15:1-8
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - What prevents me from being more dependent/trusting of Jesus for my life?

### Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?