

Grace Group Discipleship Guide

“From Less to More”

For the week of February 18 - February 24, 2018

Main Passage:

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.” (John 15:1-7 ESV)

Main Lessons:

- As we live connected to Jesus, we will bear much fruit.
- Periodically, God will prune us to increase our fruitfulness showing us that less can be more.
- Pruning involves cutting away dead and decaying excess to make way for new growth.
- The pain of pruning will prepare who we are in character for what He will give in blessing.
- We go from much to more by abiding or remaining in a close walk with Jesus.
- Continually refusing His call to closeness will lead to fruitless withdrawal of favor.
- Remember: Jesus allowed His full divinity to be pruned so through His humanity (crucifixion), He could purchase our salvation.

(Turn over for continuation...)

Reflection:

- When have you felt especially pruned before? What happened and how has that grown you?
- How can you tell you are losing intimacy with God? Talk about a time you drifted and returned. What made the difference?

Application:

- From this discussion, what do you feel most led to do?

For Prayer:

- Pray for one another to embrace God's pruning while believing for the increase He desires.
- Pray for God to use you to bring a person who has drifted from God back to Him.

Communications

Discipleship Track

This class is four weeks long and happens weekly starting on **Wednesday, March 7th**, and **Thursday, March 8th** from **7:00pm-9:00pm** at our **Main Campus (ENLI 1)**. Our classes are designed to lead people to healthy relationships with God and others. Our new classes will give you a deeper understanding of the gospel which will transform your life, equip you for ministry in the church and for influence in the world. Sign-up at pearlside.org or through our Pearlside App.

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