

Youth Discussion Guide

Planted and Pruned: For the week of August 2 - 8, 2020

Main Thought and Scripture:

"I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. ³You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. ⁴Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me."
(John 15:1-4 NLT)

During this current season, a lot of people have taken up the hobby of gardening. Many backyards and balconies are full of greenery, while some sadly have plants that died. So how did the others thrive? By making sure that their plants were constantly "connected" to their source of growth and cutting away excess that would prevent that. As believers, we have a source as well — Jesus Christ. As we read above, that's how we are able to have growth in our lives. The fruit that comes out of our lives are characteristics of a life that's clearly connected to Jesus. How do we connect to our source? By reading the bible and praying daily. The Bible helps cut away things that stops us from growing and having a godly character. With intentional connection and letting the Bible show us what we need to cut out of our lives, we'll be able to thrive in any season.

Discussion Questions:

- What have you seen come out of your life by being connected to Jesus?
- What stops you from connecting with Jesus daily?
- What are some practical things you can do to connect with Jesus daily?

Prayer Points:

- Pray that we would continue to be connected to Jesus daily.
- Pray that we will continue to draw lines of responsible faith and obey God during this season to reach people who don't know him.