

THRIVE

LIVING OUT JESUS' LAST WORDS

A Fruitful Life

John 15:1-17

1. God is **continually working** in your life to produce fruit.

- **Cutting** for the fruitless
- **Pruning** for the fruitful

2. Staying **connected to Jesus** will ensure a fruitful life.

MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. As a gardener prunes the grapevine to make it more productive, so God prunes our lives to make us more fruitful. What are some ways that you have experienced God's pruning? What is he pruning currently?
2. Unfruitful branches are cut off and tossed into the fire. (See John 15:2, 6) What does this look like for the believer in Jesus? (See 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 and 5:1-5; 2 Corinthians 5:9-10) How does this future meeting with Jesus change the way you live today?
3. What does it mean to "remain" in Jesus? (See John 15:4-5, 9-10) How is Jesus' relationship with the Father helpful to understanding the concept of "remain in my love?" (See John 4:34 and 5:19-20) What is the connection between commands, obey, and love?
4. What is the goal of the Christian life? (See John 15:5, 8, 16) What fruit is God currently producing in your life?

MEMORY VERSE

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15:5