

LIFE, IN CHRIST

As preached on Sunday, May 24th

Read: John 15:1-8

1. What role have feelings and experiences played in the development of your faith? Have you ever struggled with “the intellectual trap” we discussed on Sunday?
2. Jesus introduces a vineyard metaphor in vv.1-3. Who is the gardener? The vine? The branches?
3. In what way is God’s work of pruning in our lives similar to a gardener pruning a plant? In what ways does God prune us?
4. In v.4 Jesus offers an invitation to abide with him. What does this mean? Why would we choose abide with Jesus? What benefits might this bring?
5. Verse 6 speaks of what happens when we don’t abide in Jesus. What happens? What does Jesus mean when he talks about these branches being thrown into the fire?
6. How do we begin to experience this life “in Christ” that Paul and Jesus speak of? What were the five steps mentioned on Sunday?
7. What fruit do imagine will show up in your life when you start focusing on abiding this way with Jesus on a daily basis?