

FRUITFUL IN CHRIST

John 15:1-5 // May 31, 2026 PM

The covenant ideal of a fruitful people is realized in Christ.

I. Resign to the Father's cutting (vv. 2-3).

II. Reciprocate the Son's clasping (vv. 4-5).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. How does the Old Testament's description of Israel as a vine help us to understand Jesus' identification as "the true vine"?
2. How could Christ say that the fruitless branches are *in* Him (v. 2), even though they end up being cut off and thrown in the fire? Is Jesus teaching that we can lose our salvation?
3. What is pruning? How does the Father prune believers, and how should believers respond to that pruning?
4. What does it mean to abide? What does it look like in practical, every-day life?
5. When Jesus says that we can do nothing apart from Him, does He mean we literally can't do anything? If not, what does He mean?
6. Pastor Nick had an illustration about Elmer's glue. What was that all about? How can we be tempted to have an Elmer's glue religion?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. According to Jesus, how is genuine discipleship proved?
2. What are some recent ways the Father has been pruning me? Have I questioned His goodness in the midst of it? Why should I trust and resign to His knife?
3. How would I define abiding? Do I live a life of abiding in Christ? How could I grow here?