



Lesson 12: Called to One Lord

Main Point

You are called to cultivate your relationship with Jesus daily.

Scripture: John 15:1-8 NLT

"I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. He 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. **You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you.** Remain 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.

"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father."

Exploring the Scripture:

- How would you describe the different parts of the illustration Jesus is using?
- Imagine a grapevine. What does a branch receive from the vine that allows fruit to grow?
- Why do gardeners prune plants? What does cutting off old branches do?
- What does the image of God as a gardener tell you about the way God works in your life?
- What does it mean to "remain in" Jesus throughout your life?
- What does it mean that disciples "can do nothing" apart from Jesus?

Applying It to My Life:

- How has your understanding of what it means to follow Jesus changed in the past twelve weeks?
- What does the metaphor of pruning from John 15 tell us about the cost of being a disciple? What might God want to prune from your life?
- How well do you do at remaining in Jesus on a daily basis? What helps you? What makes it difficult?

Journal Prompt

- What does your daily routine look like? Write down a schedule of your typical day, including what you do in the morning before school, how you spend your afternoons, and your routine before bed.
- How can you reshape your daily routine to draw you closer to Jesus?
 - What is something in your current routine that you could cut back on to make more time for Jesus?
 - What is something new you could add to your day that helps you stay connected to God?