

LIFEGROUP

STUDY

1. What do you think is the media, and the society's opinion of Christianity and Christians?
2. Do you ever feel like it's really hard being a Christian? What makes it hard?

Read John 15:1-17

1. In verse 1 & 2, what's the vine, what's the branches, and what's the fruit?
2. Why does the Father prune branches? And what does that mean?
3. From these first verses, what's one of the signs of believer? Is that the purpose of being a Christian?
4. How do you abide in Christ? How do Christ's words abide in you?
5. What's the difference between servants and friends, according to Jesus? Are you Jesus' friend or servant?
6. It's easy to say, "Love one another." But what does that mean? What's love?
7. In verses 18-24, it talks about how the world will hate you. Why would the world hate you, if you're bearing the fruit of Jesus?

FURTHER THOUGHTS

1. What are some things in your life that God's pruning away?
2. Bearing fruit bring mutual joy to God and to you. Spend some time praying for God to bear more fruit in your lives.

3. Further reading: Read the rest of this chapter. The first part of this chapter focuses on abiding in Christ and the fruit. The second part talks about the world hating of believers, and it ends with the promise of the Holy Spirit. Why do you think the passage is structured like this?