# Life Guide
## applying God's Word to life

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**Christians, You are Branches of the Vine**
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*John 15:1-8*
*[1] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. [2] He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes[a] so that it will be even more fruitful. [3] You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. [4] Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.*
*[5] "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. [6] If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. [7] If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. [8] This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.*

1. Are you a gardener?  What do you enjoy about gardening?

2. In this section of Scripture, what words indicate that Jesus is speaking to believers?

3. In light of when Jesus spoke these words, why does he encourage his disciples to "remain in me"?

4. What application do those same words have for our lives today?

5. Is there a difference between becoming connected to Jesus and staying connected to Jesus?

6. Point out at least two promises that Jesus makes to/for those who remain in him.

7. Agree/disagree:  Whatever you ask of God, he will give you.

8. Can you give an example of a time when God "pruned" you—and it produced more good fruit in your life? (e.g. took something away, allowed a hardship in your life, etc.)

9. St. Paul writes, *"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Gal. 5:22-23)* Which fruit would you like to see more of in your life?  How can/will God produce that fruit in your life?

10. Where is the Law in this text?

11. Where is the Gospel in this text?