“REMAIN IN ME”

John 15:1–17

Key Verse: 15:5

1. What did Jesus say about himself and about the Father, and how did this fulfill Old Testament prophecy? (1; Isa5:1–7) What does it mean that Jesus is “the true vine”? What does the Father do to the various kinds of branches? (2) What does it mean to be “pruned,” and why is this the secret of spiritual fruitfulness? (3)
2. What does Jesus urge us to do, and what does it tell us about the kind of relationship with him we need? (4) Read verse 5. What does he repeat here, and what does it teach about how we can be a fruitful branch? What is his warning? (6) What does it mean to “remain in” him? (7) What is the purpose of bearing much fruit? (8)
3. How else did Jesus illustrate what it means to remain in him? (9,10) Why did Jesus say these things? (11) Why are his love and his joy the fruits he wants to produce in us?
4. What command does Jesus repeat, and how can we do this practically? (12,13; cf. 13:34; 1Jn3:16–18; 4:7–12)
5. What does it mean to be a friend of Jesus? (14,15) What is the source of their friendship and fruitfulness? (16) What does Jesus repeat, and why? (17)