



March 8th, 2026
True Disciples Abide
John 15:1-6

1. Why does Jesus use the picture of the Vine? How is this connected with Israel's identity?
2. What might the image of a **vinedresser** teach us about God the Father's role in believers' lives? Why might pruning be necessary for branches that are already bearing fruit?
3. What does it mean to "abide"? How did your understanding of abiding in Christ grow or change because of studying this passage?
4. How does remembering that Christ is our life (as described in Philippians 1:21, Galatians 2:20, and Colossians 3:4) shape our identity as "in Christ"?
5. Why does Jesus emphasize human **dependence** on Him so strongly in verse 5? How does remembering that "**apart from me you can do nothing**" shape our view of ourselves, our ministry, and our service?
6. In what ways can long-time Christians drift from close dependence on Christ and fellowship with Him?