

Complete these questions *BEFORE* your Growth Group meets and then use your answers in discussion.

John 15

Are you a fruitful branch?

TO START:

Are you a gardener? What do you love (or hate!) about gardening?

Pray and read Isaiah 5:1-7

What do we learn about the gardener and his vineyard?

Read John 15:1-8

Identify the different characters in Jesus' metaphor.

What are the encouragements and warnings from Jesus?

What do you think Jesus means by "fruit"?

Read John 15:9-17

What sort of love does Jesus teach and commend?

How does the love of Jesus compare to our world's definition of love?

How can you love others:

- a) At home?
- b) At work?
- c) At church?

Read John 15:18-27

How should a disciple of Jesus think about the world?

How can you think/speak/act in the world? What changes might you need to make?

Think back over the whole chapter. What are the key ideas and key actions for you?

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\* Pray together in response to this Word of God.