

Message Notes: John 15:1-8: Connected to the Vine

1. Who is the real source of strength for believing branches?
2. What kinds of things do you have to do to take care of plants?
3. What kinds of things does God do to take care of us spiritually?
4. What happened to Peter when he was disconnected from Jesus?
5. What would be the end result of disconnection from Jesus?
6. List one way being connected to the vine can help you in your current life phase?
7. As you leave today, think of one way God has made you bloom in your faith from being connected to Jesus.

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GETTING STARTED

Do you have any good gardening stories to share?

INTO MY HEART

What were some thoughts from the text / message that stuck with you this week?

What plant best describes you now: Towering oak? Weeping willow? Tumbleweed? Crab apple tree? Explain.

If vine branches were human lives, what pain would be associated with pruning? What tools? What fruit?

Jesus repeats *remain in me, love and bear fruit*. How are these words related?

Do you feel more like Jesus' servant or his friend? What helps you develop the friendship?

How has God helped you to bloom in unexpected ways?

CLOSING PRAYER