

Questions Week of 10/27/2014

I Am The Vine

1. Read Isaiah 5:1-7 and Psalm 80:8-16. What fruit was produced by the Vine of the Lord of Hosts in these Old Testament Passages? What was the outcome of that Vineyard? How do these passages serve as a backdrop for Jesus' statements in John 15?
2. John 15:2 suggests removal of branches that do not bear fruit and increased fruit for the abiding branches. What is it in the branches that are taken away that separate them from the ability to bear fruit? (See Matthew 3:7-10, 7:15-20)
3. How is the Father glorified (cf. vs. 8)? Why do you think this is significant? What happens to branches, which do not bear fruit? Why?
4. What is the prerequisite of answered prayer in verse 7? Why would God give you anything you ask in Jesus name?
5. Jesus says in 15:1 that he is the true vine. In 15:4, he says to "abide in him," and in 15:9 he says to "abide in my love." What is Jesus saying about himself and about the nature of love? Practically, what would it look like for you to abide in Jesus Christ in the midst of this?