

# PRUNING SEASON

John 15:1-8

## Brunch 'N Bible Study

*And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. (Acts 2:42)*

Sunday April 23rd, 2023

11am-1pm

Theme: Pruning Season

### Opening

- Brunch!!
- Prayer
- Highlights/Praises/Testimonies
- Announcements (Bible Study and Businesses)

# STUDY TIME!

### Attachment Styles

- Complete the Attachment Project's Attachment Style Test [here](#). Share your results below:

## Read John 15:1-8

- As you read, highlight the verses, words, or phrases that jump out to you. Write out the key verse(s) from the passage.
  
- Based on what you just read, how do you think attachment styles will tie into the theme of these texts?

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# Background

The vine and vineyard were old and sacred images in Judaism. The vine once represented the covenant (an agreement) between God and Israel that they would produce fruit. However, in this context, God is upset with Israel for not bearing fruit as he expected them to. So in the old

testament the vine is depicted in the idea of degeneration and and running wild (Isaiah 5:1-7) Jeremiah talks about the downfall of the vine.

But in the new testament, like where we're reading now in John, the true vine is Jesus and that the only way to salvation is through an intimate relationship with him. This reflects that grace we are going to get after he dies on the cross.

This new concept shows that Israel is no longer automatically seen as vines

growing in God's vineyard. God's vineyard holds one vine and we must see if we're branches growing from that one vine. A lot of us think that just because we go into the church building or are baptized that we are gonna be saved or that that will make us a Christian, but it's not enough. No other "qualifications" can secure someone's salvation (going to heaven), only being attached to Christ.



## Deeper Observations of John 15:1-8

- **Who is the Vinedresser?**
- **Who is the branch?**
- **What is fruit and why should we bear it?**
- **Do verses 2 and 6 mean we can lose our salvation?**
- **What does it mean to abide in Christ?**
- **What does it mean that He will prune us?**
- **Have you ever experienced God's pruning? In what ways? How did it feel?**

- **Look back at your Attachment Style. In what ways (if any) do you think your attachment style has affected your ability to abide in Christ?**

# Application

- **Practically, how can we ensure that we are abiding in Him?**

## 3 Keys to Being A Christian

-Attachment and fruit bearing - It is not simply about believing the right thing. To be a disciple is to have the father, son, and holy spirit living in us. It is a way of believing and living that are nurtured by a life giving connection to Jesus. It's spiritual.

-Constant contact with Christ - Be intentional about it! Jesus went into solitary places again and again to talk to God. We have to do the same. Make it a part of your everyday routine! We do this to avoid forgetting about him.

-How are we able to do this? It's a desire. ASK HIM! (Philippians 4:13)

## PRAYER

- **End your time in prayer and Thank God for what he revealed!**