



Sermon Discussion Questions

To Be Connected // John 15:1-11

- Have you ever found yourself headed toward a destination you're not excited about? Have you found yourself wondering, "is this all there is?"
- Where do you look to find life, a sense of satisfaction with your circumstances and a meaningful engagement with the world?
- The key idea from Sunday was, "The life that I want is with Jesus." Does that strike you as true? Helpful? Challenging? How do our surface desires (direction, success, security) work against our deepest desire?
- Pastor Jeff said, "I am not a good judge of what is fruitful in my life." How do we submit to Jesus' pruning to increase our fruitfulness? What role does your Community Group or Grow Class play in your growth and pruning?
- Pastor Jeff said, "The branches exist to extend the life of the vine." How does your life extend the life (and work) of Jesus in the world around you? In your school, home, office, gym, with your family? If your life diminishes the life (and work) of Jesus in the world around you, what needs to change?
- According to John 15:1-11, the only thing that really matters is fruit that lasts for eternity. How are you bearing that kind of fruit?

- The world gives us different standards for success. What standards around you push against Jesus' standard of growing fruit that lasts?
- Even though we *know* fruitfulness depends on Jesus, why do we sometimes feel or work like it all depends on us?
- We were made to lay down our own desires and use our lives to bless others. That's fruit for God's glory. How will that goal/perspective change the way you live this week? How can your group or class or the church help and encourage you?

