Jesus Is...

1. Jesus is... Our True <u>Vine</u> and He desires that we, His branches, bear much fruit. *John 15:1-7*

1) We bear fruit when we win others to Christ (*Romans 1:13*)

2) We bear fruit when we are part of the harvest (John 4:35-38)

3) We bear fruit as we grow in holiness and obedience (*Romans 6:22*)

4) Paul considered Christian giving to be fruit from a dedicated life (*Romans 15:28*)

5) The Fruit of the Spirit (*Galatians 5:22-23*) is the kind of Christian character that glorifies God and makes Christ real to others.

6) Our good works, our service, grow out of our abiding life (*Colossians 1:10*)

7) Praise that comes from our hearts and lips is actually fruit to the glory of God (*Hebrews 13:15*)

2. We bear fruit for Jesus by remaining or abiding in His presence.

Remain in His presence by learning to say <u>THANK</u> <u>YOU</u>. *Psalm 100:4a*

3. We bear much fruit for Jesus by letting His words remain in us. *Psalm 1:1-3*

A helpful "recipe" or "RWSSP" for meditating on Scripture to allow God's word to remain in us:

Read it Write it Say it Sing it Pray it

REVEAL more of Yourself to me. John 5:39-40; Exodus 33:18-19a

His word should catapult us into dialogue. John 15:7

USE me. Matthew 9:37-38; Acts 4:29-31

STRENGTHEN me. Ephesians 3:16-17

4. We bear much fruit for Jesus when we remain in His <u>love</u>.

TEACH me how to love

Prayer guide to help you abide/trust in Jesus each day:

THANK You REVEAL more of yourself to me USE me STRENGTHEN me TEACH me how to love

Discussion Questions:

1. What is your dream of what a really fruitful life could look like?

2. What has pruning looked like in your life?

3. Are you satisfied with your prayer life? Why? Why not?
4. What has been your experience with sensing God's presence? Do you think cultivating a grateful heart could help? Share any examples of when this was true in your life.
5. What has been your experience with meditating on Scripture? How could this affect our prayer lives? Have you read any good scriptures lately that have been coming alive to you?

6. In what ways is God teaching you to love right now?7. Do you have any fun answered prayer stories to share?Prayer requests?