

Divine Vine

What is something you've planted, and how did it grow?

Read John 15:1-27.

1. Why is pruning important for grape vines?
 - A. It produces better fruit (grapes).
 - B. Unproductive vine branches are worthless.
 - C. Unproductive vine branches drain nourishment from productive ones.
 - D. It gets rid of the dead stuff.
 - E. This makes room for something more productive.
 - F. It's really not that important.
 - G. Some branches are just bad and need to be removed.
 - H. It gives workers something to do while they wait for harvest time.
 - I. Other.

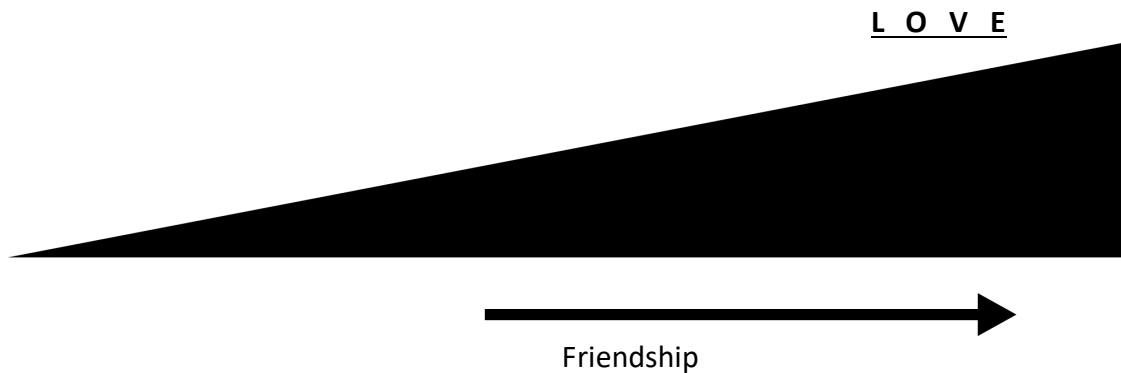
2. How can a person stay connected to Jesus—the vine?
 - A. Don't get pruned.
 - B. Produce fruit.
 - C. Avoid stormy weather.
 - D. Do what comes naturally.
 - E. Make fruitfulness your priority.
 - F. Make connection to Jesus your priority.
 - G. Spend quiet time connecting to Jesus every day.
 - H. Remove distractions.
 - I. Other.

3. What are some of Christ's commands?
 - A. Take good care of your body.
 - B. Be nice to people.
 - C. Obey your parents.
 - D. Worship on the seventh day of the week.
 - E. Participate in service activities on a regular basis.
 - F. Turn the other cheek.
 - G. Treat people on the outside as your friend.
 - H. Forgive people no matter what they do to you.
 - I. Other.

4. How do “love” and “obeying God’s commands” relate to each other?
- A. They feed on each other.
 - B. They’re opposites.
 - C. They’re two sides of the same coin.
 - D. Focus on love.
 - E. Focus on obeying God’s commands.
 - F. Choose one or the other; you can’t have it both ways.
 - G. God’s command is to love.
 - H. Other.

5. Why does the world hate Christ’s disciples?
- A. The world doesn’t.
 - B. Christ’s disciples are the ones who hate the world.
 - C. The world hated Christ, so the world will hate His disciples.
 - D. It’s all just a big misunderstanding.
 - E. Those in the world don’t understand God.
 - F. The world resists Jesus and His ways.
 - G. They don’t play by the same rules.
 - H. Other.

6. On the following diagram, place a:
- “X” where you’d put various friends you have
 - “+” where you’d put your different family members
 - “√” where you’d place some who are strangers to you
 - “-” where you’d put the people you don’t like



7. What makes it easy for you to stay connected to Christ? What makes it hard?
8. How do you relate to people who are down on Christianity?