

July 13/20 – Small Group Questions

John 15:1-13 “The Love of Jesus Recreated in Us”

Read Isaiah 5:1-7

1. Who does the vine represent? What was God looking for from the vine? And what was God’s response?

Read Galatians 5:16, 22-25

2. This organic imagery has much to tell us about our growth into the character of Jesus. It is inevitable, gradual, and symmetrical (not fruits but fruit). Which of these realities of our growth in Christ that Tim spoke of most impacted you and why?

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3. Jesus calls himself the true vine. Given your reflection on Isaiah 5 what is Jesus saying about himself?
4. What is Jesus saying about the disciples by calling them the branches?
5. Jesus calls his father the vinedresser. The vinedresser’s sole job was to bring out the fruitfulness of the vine. The vinedresser would lift up (sometimes translated take away) the branches that aren’t producing fruit, and prune the branches that are producing fruit so that they will produce even more fruit. What are some of the ways that the father lifts us up? prunes us? (Note: The Father like any expert vinedresser will never take away anything that would have damaged us to keep and benefited us to loose)
6. Our growth is not passive but is given to us in a command. Abide. It is a continual command – go on abiding. It is a command given to a group of people – we need one another to abide. What do we learn about abiding from this passage? What does it invite from us practically?
7. In light of the work of the father and our abiding in the son - Jesus can now call out of us his love (vs. 12). How is Jesus’ love different from every other love? Ie. What is the nature of the love he calls out of us?