

"Thirst for Spirituality" *by Rev. John C. Tittle*

Scripture Reading: John 15: 5-8 NRSV

5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever had a spiritual or mystical encounter with God? What was it like?
2. What are ways that you see people in society today trying to quench their spiritual thirst?
3. What does it mean to abide in Christ?
4. What does Jesus mean when he says "apart from me you can do nothing?"
5. How is God like a gardener or vine grower? How is Jesus like the vine? How are we like branches?
6. What do you think it means to be spiritually pruned by God in our lives?
7. What is different about Christianity spirituality from the other spiritualities circulating around society today?
8. What is this fruit that will last that Jesus is talking about?
9. How can God be glorified through us, his disciples?