

Chapter 15 - Study Questions

The use of an illustration is one of the most effective methods of teaching. Jesus, the master teacher, uses an illustration of a vine within a vineyard to teach his disciples. Let us see if we can see the truth that Jesus is teaching today.

1. Who is the vine? Who is the gardener? Who are the branches? (15:1,5)
2. The gardener takes away some branches and he prunes some branches. What kind of branches does he take away? What kind of branches does he prune? (15:2)
3. Why does the gardener prune some branches? (15:2) What *do you think* this tells you about the heart of the gardener?
4. According to Jesus, what is essential to the branch for it to be alive and fruitful? (15:5)
5. What *do you think* Jesus means by teaching that the branch must remain in the vine?
6. How useful is a branch that does not remain in the vine? (15:6)
7. Jesus teaches that as a branch is to remain in the vine, even so his followers are to remain in what? (15:9)
8. How will a person who loves Jesus demonstrate this love? (15:10)
9. Why is Jesus telling his disciples about the need to remain in him? (15:11)
10. What is Jesus' most important command? (15:12)
11. How do you think Jesus ultimately lived out his own command? (15:13)

12. Does the world accept or reject Jesus and his followers? (15:18-19)

13. Why does the world reject Jesus and his followers? (15:21)