



# Believe

JOHN

MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

## Believe: Remaining & Fruiting

Bible Reading: John 15:1-8 (9-17)

The OT Vine & the NT Vine (Isa. 5:7; Hos. 10:1; Psa. 80:8-13; Jn. 15:1, 5)

- A. The Old Testament vine
  1. Israel (Isa. 5:7a; Hos. 10:1a)
  2. Fruit God expected (Mic. 6:8; Isa. 5:7b)
- B. The New Testament 'True' vine (Jn. 15:1, 5)
  1. Jesus
  2. Believers
  3. Expectation of fruit

Remaining (Jn. 15:4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 16b)

- A. Word of clarification (15:2-3)
  1. Who gets 'cut off'? (Jn. 15:2a)
  2. What is pruning? (Jn. 15:2b-3)
- B. Remaining
  1. Continue believing
  2. Utterly dependent on the vine for life
  3. Each individual branch abides in the vine
  4. Remain in Jesus is an imperative
  5. Being present with and for someone
  6. A fixed reality
  7. We can't do anything to please God apart from Jesus' life

C. Application

1. A church without hierarchy
2. John's Vine vs Paul's Body of Christ metaphors

## Fruiting (Jn. 15:2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 16b)

A. Glorifies (Reveals) the Father (Jn. 15:8a)

B. Proves that we are Jesus' disciples (Jn. 15:8b)

C. The Fruit of Remaining is Love (Jn. 15:9-17)

1. Remain 'in me' becomes Remain 'in my love' (15:9)
2. True Christians love how Jesus loved (15:12-13)
3. Love one another

D. Application – Love v Giftedness