



- c. What does this story tell us about God? People? You?
  - d. In light of all of this, is there anything you need to do differently to tend to your own spiritual garden at the moment?
2. Read the following verse groups, answering questions at the bottom (ex: read all the verses under "a" at once, then answer the questions, then do "b" and answer the questions, then "c").
    - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 12:9, Judges 8:34, Psalm 106:21.
    - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:12-15.
    - c. 1<sup>st</sup> John 2:20-21.
    - d. What do these verses tell us about God? People? You?
    - e. In light of all this, how do you sense the Lord asking you to practice the power of divine remembering and retelling right now?
  3. If time allows, re-read John 15:1-11 out loud three times (preferably in different translations), answering this question at the end.
    - a. What, if anything, stood out differently as you read this again?

### **Personal reflection and application.**

1. Have each member go around the circle and share one comment that someone else spoke which stood out to them.
2. Break up into smaller groups and prayer for one another for prayer (preferably men with men and women with women).

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BELIEVE

THE  
GOSPEL  
OF JOHN



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**"Stay RIGHT here..."**  
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- » The most important word for you from John 15:1-11:  
\_\_\_\_\_ connected to \_\_\_\_\_.  
| John 15:1-11 | 1<sup>st</sup> John 2:24-29, 4:13 | 2<sup>nd</sup> John 1:9 |
- » Good gardeners \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ constantly to  
produce as much \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_.  
| John 15:2, 6, 11 | Job 1:20-21, 42:10-12 |
- » The two types of spiritual fruit God wants to see in every  
Christian.  
| Exodus 19:5 | Luke 11:28 | 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12-14 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:5 |  
| Galatians 5:16-26 | Philippians 2:12-13 | 2<sup>nd</sup> John 1:6 | Revelation 14:12 |
  - The fruit of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The fruit of \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- » TAKING JOHN 15 HOME: Spiritual Gardening 101.  
| John 15:1-11 | Hebrews 10:24-25 |
  - If you're \_\_\_\_\_ from church, get  
\_\_\_\_\_. If you're \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  - If it hurt when it got \_\_\_\_\_, it (very well) might  
have been \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The end result of pruning is always more \_\_\_\_\_ and  
more \_\_\_\_\_.

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**SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS // WEEK SIX**

**What do you think?**

From Sunday's message, what particular point challenged you, inspired you, stood out to you, got you to think, or raised a question for you?

**The story of your life.**

1. This past weekend, Pastor Kyle preached from John 15:1-11. One of the main ideas from that section of Scripture is that Jesus is the Vinedresser who, at times, prunes things out of our lives to make us more spiritually fruitful. Over the years of walking with Jesus, what kinds of things have you sensed the Lord "prune" out of your life? Describe the journey from learning that God wanted a change to be made, to making the change, to the results that came from the change.
2. How do you feel you are tending to your "spiritual garden" right now?

**Digging deeper.**

1. There is a recurring theme in the Old Testament where God does something amazing for the Israelites, they praise the Lord, and the following generation forgets about the Lord. One way God's people combatted this was through the power of divine remembering and retelling what the Lord had done. Turn to Deuteronomy 8. The context is that the Israelites have been delivered from the hand of the Egyptians but are in the wilderness as they head to the Promised Land. Moses is recounting his experiences in this brief sermon. Read the whole chapter and answer the following questions.
  - a. Have a few members of the group recap the story using their own words.
  - b. Which verse(s) struck you the most powerfully?

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