

Study Notes and Questions for John 15 (Part 1) :1-9

- Why do you think Jesus used examples and imagery from everyday life to make truth claims?
- As you read through these first 9 verses in chapter 15, what would you summarize as the point that Jesus is making?
- Jesus mentioned that God the Father prunes those branches that bear fruit so that they might be even more fruitful. What are some ways God prunes His children?
- How is pruning similar to God's discipline?
- What does Jesus describe as a limitation of the branches?
- What promise does Jesus give in **verse 5**?
- What warning is given in **verse 6**?
- Many have concluded that **verse 6** is telling us that the continuation of our salvation is dependent upon us becoming and maintaining fruitfulness. Using Ephesians 2:8-9 explain how that conclusion is contrary to the Gospel of grace?
- What promise is given in **verse 7**?
- How does abiding in Jesus affect the things that we ask for in prayer?
- The last exhortation is to abide in the love of Jesus. (**verse 9**) How do we do that?