

## **Abide**

John 15:1-17

### **Do you like connection?**

### **The Setting**

### **3 Players** (1-2)

True Vine = Jesus

Vinedresser = Father

Branches = Believers

### **Goal: maximize fruit-bearing** (2, 8, 16)

### **Processes of the vinedresser** (2-17)

For the nonproducing: *lifts up*

For the bearing: *prunes*

For maximum fruit: *abiding*

Is this suggesting some lose their salvation?

### **Source of abiding** (4-9)

The command

Lavish love

### **How do I abide?** (10)

Obedience

Jumping off the vine

### **Result = Joy and fruitfulness** (11)

### **What's the fruit?** (12-17)

### **Abide versus Activity**

Problem

Relationship

### **Take it Home**