## The Gospel of John: Come and See "Remain" (John 15:1-11 CSB)

## 1. <u>Recognize</u> my need for Christ. (John 15:5 CSB)

"Abiding in the Vine then comes to be nothing more or less than *the restful surrender of the soul to let Christ have all and work all*."

- a. God's *pruning* is not a *punishment* but a necessary means to maximize my *potential*. (John 15:2 CSB)
- 2. <u>Remain connected</u> to Christ. (John 15:4a, 9 CSB)

 $\mu$ ένω, menō = to remain / abide / stay / make one's home in (10x in John 15:1–10)

"To abide in Christ means to keep up a habit of constant close communion with Him, to be always leaning on Him, resting on Him, pouring out our hearts to Him, and using Him as our Fountain of life and strength, as our chief Companion and best Friend."

a. My connection to Jesus *transforms* my *prayer life*! (John 15:7 CSB)

Proximity to Jesus ignites power in my prayer life. (John 15:7 CSB)

 b. My connection to Jesus *produces* His *joy* in me! (John 15:8, 11 CSB)

If you don't like your *harvest*, change what you are *sowing*. If you don't like the *fruit* in your life, check what you are *connected to*!