



“Apart from Me You Can do Nothing”

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*“Christ dwelling in us by His Spirit is a guarantee that we can and will change...Do you realize the resources you carry around with you? Do you realize that you are never again alone to face whatever your are facing?” ~Rankin Wilbourne, *Union with Christ**

- 1) Read Isaiah 5:1-7 & Jeremiah 2:21. Why is God upset with his people? What would you do if you planted a vineyard and got nothing good out of it?
- 2) Now read John 15:1-7. What is Jesus saying about being the true vine? Why do we need Him?
- 3) What is astounding about being connected to Jesus, the vine? What is Jesus saying about our relationship to Him?
- 4) Consider the ways Jesus talks about love and obedience. Those who love the doctrines of grace tend to focus on verse 9. Those who love to emphasize our responsibility to obey Gods' commands tend to focus on vs. 10. How does the image of the vine hold together God's love for us and our obligation to obey? How would you use the image of a vine to explain the difference between the gospel and religion?
- 5) What does the doctrine of our union with Christ communicate to you?
- 6) What does Jesus mean that we can't do anything without Him? How do you apply that?

Use John 17 to guide your prayers.