

Remain in Jesus

1. To remain means to **be pruned**.

2. To remain means to bear fruit.

3. To remain means to obey in joy.

MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- What "potential" did you show as a kid, and how did your parents try to develop it? Was it academic, athletic, artistic, musical, or something else? What was that process like?
- 2. Read John 15:1-4a. What stands out to you in these verses? Can you think of a specific time of pruning? What was God's pruning like, and what was produced in your life as a result?
- 3. Is there anything God is pruning in your life right now? How can your friends or small group members support you in that?
- 4. Read John 15:4-8. Why do you think Jesus includes the warning he does? Thinking back to the message and how bearing fruit happens, is there an area of your life where Jesus needs to be more at the center? What could that look like?
- 5. Read John 15:9-11. What are some implications of v. 9 and how much Jesus loves you? Can you think of examples of how obedience has led to joy in your life?
- 6. What's the one step toward "remaining in Jesus" that you can take this week?

MEMORY VERSE

"Remain in me, as I also remain in you."