

Creekside Community Church
"Lessons from the Vineyard" John 15
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Disciple-making and the Scriptures

A. The Scriptures Connect Us (John 15:7)

B. The Scriptures Correct Us (John 15:2-3)

C. The Scriptures Direct Us (John 15:9-12)

For further thought and discussion:

Getting Started

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. According to John 15:8, every disciple of Jesus is to be a disciple-maker. How are disciples made? What is our part? What is Jesus' part?

Going Deeper

3. Please read John 15:7. Notice that Jesus says that if we abide in Him, His word will abide in us (see also 1 John 2:24.) Why is it impossible to abide in Christ apart from His word? How do you account for the rapid rise in bible illiteracy in America today – especially in view of all the tools and helps for understanding we now have to which we now have access? If the Scriptures are the way we connect with Jesus, what does this say about the way we make disciples? Have you ever met with another believer on a regular basis to study and apply the Scriptures together? What happened?
4. Please read John 15:2-3. Why does the Vinedresser prune the branches which bear fruit? How does God do this in our lives? What is the role of the Scriptures in this pruning process? Please read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Can you give an example from your own life of being corrected by the Scriptures? How should the fact that the Word corrects us shape the way we make disciples? Why must a potential disciple be teachable and ready to change in any area Jesus points out? Why do you think change is so difficult for most people?
5. Please read John 15:9-12. Why does God give His beloved children commands? What do these verses imply about the role of the Scriptures in our lives? What do these verses imply about the role of the Scriptures in our disciple-making? Please read James 1:21-25. How should this passage affect the way we read the Bible? How should these verses shape the way we make disciples?

Application: What is one lesson you've learned from this passage and how will you apply it to your life?