

**Prayer Concerns:**

**The Deeper the Root, the Greater the Fruit**

John 15:1-17 [Page 1676]

God created us to bear fruit.

Spiritual fruit is not only about what we do but how we do it.

Hindrances to bearing healthy fruit.

Abiding is the way.

## Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

### Getting Started:

1. “What’s your next step?” That’s the question we kept asking ourselves in 2025. So, what next step did you take in your relationship with Jesus? How has your life changed over the past year?

### Digging Deeper:

#### Read John 15:1-17

1. How does Jesus refer to Himself, the Father, and believers in verse 1? What images does this bring to your mind?
2. God created us to bear fruit. What happens to those who bear no fruit? What happens to those who bear fruit? Why is pruning necessary for both?
3. Can you share about a time in your life when God pruned you? Was it painful? What good did God bring from it?

4. What hinders us from bearing fruit?
5. How many times does Jesus say *remain in me* in verses 1-10? What does it mean to remain (abide) in Him? Why is this so important to Jesus—and to us?
6. The Bible Recap begins this week. What expectations do you have of how God will speak to you through His Word? As a Growth Group, how can you encourage one another throughout this two-year reading plan?

### Taking it Home:

1. Is your life bearing fruit? If not, why? What are you allowing to hinder you from bearing healthy spiritual fruit?
2. Is the Lord pruning you right now? Why is He doing that? What is He trying to teach you?