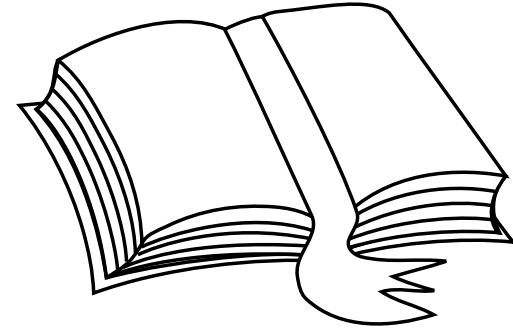


NOTES



JESUS THE VINE

SECTION I. Introduction

- A. In your culture, which relationships are generally considered the strongest and most important? Does this change because of age or sex?

- B. What are the most important benefits people receive from these relationships? What do they give to the relationship?

SECTION II. Read John 15:1-2, 5.

- A. What or who does Jesus say that He is? Who is the Father? Who are the branches of the grape vine in this parable (story)?

- B. What does it mean to be a branch? How does it make you feel when you think of yourself as a branch?

- C. Our passage says that God the Father does two things to the grapevines. What are they? Why do you think He would do that?

SECTION III. Read John 15:3. What does Jesus mean here by *clean*?

A. Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. How do Christians become acceptable to God today?

B. Read John 15:4-5.

1. What does Jesus say we must do to produce fruit?

2. What do you think He means by produce fruit?

SECTION IV. How can we *live in or remain in* Christ?

A. Read the following passages and find out how we can do that.

1. 1 John 2:24

2. 1 John 3:24

3. 1 John 4:15-16

B. Read John 15:5-12.

1. When we live in Christ, what are the results? See John 15 verses 5, 7, 8, 11 and 12.

2. Read Galatians 5:22-23. What do these verses say are the results of living in Christ?

3. Read John 15:5 again. Can we produce fruit and do good apart from Jesus? Why not? (Read Hebrews 11:6)

4. How did Jesus live in the Father's love and how do we live in Jesus' love? (John 15: 9-10)

SECTION V. Do we depend on Jesus in all things, as a branch would depend on the main grapevine? If not, why not?

SECTION VI. What fruits (results) of your relationship with Jesus have you seen in your life? How can we increase the fruits we produce?