

John 15: 1-17 Being a branch in the vine

Are you living a productive life, a successful life, a fruitful life?

Knowing the vine (v.1)

"I am" (Ex 3:14)

- (John 6:35; 8:12; 10:7, 9; 10:11; 11:25; 14:6)

...the true vine

- Psalm 80 – the vine is Israel
- v.17 their only hope for God's salvation is found in Jesus
- Isaiah 5: God's vineyard bearing "wild grapes" – bloodshed

Bearing the Fruit (v.2-10)

two options – lopped or pruned

remain – stay connected to, abide, live

- **who we are and what we do comes from Jesus**

apart from me you can do nothing

Identity and Purpose (v.8-17)

Who? disciples, loved, friends, chosen

What? obedience and love

Why? joy

How's your branch going?