

questions.

What is one thing that sticks out to you from Sunday's message?

A central theme in pastor Will's message is, "Fruit grows by remaining connected to the vine."
What kind of fruit is revealed in the follower of Jesus?

Read Galatians 5:22-23. Have each individual pick a fruit and describe what it means to them.
Pick one or two that you all work on an agreeable definition. Find another passage that mentions any of these fruits.

What is spiritual pruning? Give some examples.

What actually separates us from the vine?

How do we remain, "abide" in the vine (Jesus)?

Jesus says we can do nothing without him. What do you think he means by this? (John 15:3-5)

Pastor Will's example of remaining married is more than not taking action to be divorced, but taking action to cultivate a relationship with your spouse. What are one or two ways you cultivate a healthy relationship with your spouse/significant other? What is something you had to prune out of your marriage/relationship?

What were the two benefits of remaining in Jesus?

- We remain healthy
 - "If we are not growing, we are dying." Agree/disagree? Give an example that supports your position
- We experience joy
 - "Joy is the result of obedience." Agree or disagree?

going deeper.

These questions are intended to invite your group to make the answers more personal. If your group is ready...feel free to add these questions at any time within your discussion.

- How do you stay connected to the love of Jesus?
 - What needs pruned in your life?
 - What might God need to add to your life?

- Why do we not always recognize our spiritual growth, or when we are spiritually dying? What are some indicators in your life of how you can identify the difference?

- Make time to pray for one another in the places shared where you need to be pruned, or accept what God is wanting to add to your life.