

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020.**

**John 15: 1-17. 'I am the True Vine'.**

**Here are some points for small group discussion or for individual contemplation.**

1. What does it mean to you to remain in Jesus (verse 4), or stay attached to Him?
2. What helps you to remain in Him and what hinders you?
3. Is the imagery of the vine helpful to you or are there other images or analogies that you find more useful?
4. What does 'being pruned' (verse 2) mean for you?
5. When you look back on your life are there times when you recognise that 'pruning' was taking place?
6. What effect did this have on you at the time, and then later?
7. Where are you in life? Are you going in a direction that feels right?
8. Are you producing fruit in your life and what is that fruit? How is it doing the 'Master's business' (verse 15)
9. How do you cope when sharing the fruit with other people is costly and sacrificial?