

Harvest Bible Chapel
Small Group Questions
June 6, 2010

Just Jesus: Everything You Need...I AM
I am the True Vine
John 15-1-16

1. What is the end game for a disciple of Jesus? How do disciples glorify God? What does God do to ensure his glory and your greatness?
2. What areas of your life have you tried to change without success? What kind of advice will you find in bookstores for personal growth and change? Is it internally or externally motivated? How is the hope for change that Jesus offers different? Is it internal or external?
3. Why do people who have an external form of religion eventually give up on change and give up on religion? How have you let religion replace the life of Jesus as your hope for change? Why do true disciples find their greatest joy in pursuing change for a lifetime? Are you pursuing change or have you given up?
4. How do the words of Jesus make you clean? What is he cleaning up in your life? What words is he using to clean you? How much are you exposing yourself to his word?
5. How is God pruning you? What other vines do you have a tendency to attach yourself to? What are some painful things that he has had to remove in your life to get you attached to only him? How are you responding to his knife?
6. How is pruning different than discipline?
7. What fruit do you see in the lives of others in your group? Take to time to list the fruit you see. Who gets the credit for the fruit? How much fruit can a person bear apart from Jesus?
8. What are you asking God to do for you right now? What is the promise for those who abide in him and ask in his name?
9. Are you obeying the commandment to love others? Does it surprise you that Jesus refers to love as a command rather than a feeling? Who is the hardest person for you to love? What has been your excuse for not loving them the way Jesus loves you?
10. Do you sense a regular pattern of joy in your life? Do you sense this fruit in our church collectively in our church on Sunday morning? What steals your joy?

11. Read the following quote by C. S. Lewis.

*The Christian way is different: harder, and easier. Christ says `Give me All. I don't want so much of your time and so much of your money and so much of your work: I want You. I **have not come to torment your natural self, but to kill it.** No half-measures are any good. I don't want to cut off a branch here and a branch there, I want to have the whole tree down. ... Hand over the whole natural self, all the desires which you think innocent as well as the ones you think wicked - the whole outfit. I will give you a new self instead. In fact, I will give you Myself: my own will shall become yours.'* (Mere Christianity, Chapter 30)

Will you give yourself to him completely and let his life replace yours?