People Who Change the World

Message Handout

John 15:1-16 (NIV) 1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it **will be even more fruitful.**

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1. Recognize the Father's Heart

John 15:3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. **4** Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. **5** "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; **apart from me you can do nothing**. **6** If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

2. Remain in Christ

John 15:7 If you remain in me and **my words remain in you**, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

3. Remain in the Word

John 15:8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. **9** "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. **Now remain in my love**. **10** If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. **11** I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

4. Remain in His Love

John 15:12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. **13** Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. **14** You are my friends if you do what I command. **15** I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, **I have called you friends,** for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. **16** You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit--fruit that will last--and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

5. Recognize their Identity