## ‘Abide’ Re-discovering Jesus in the Gospel of John

## John 15:1-8

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“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.4**Abide in me, and I in you.** As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.  
  
  
**How do we abide?  (verse 4)**  
  
**"as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine . . .”**

**How can we know if we are abiding?**

 **Our lives are bearing fruit. (vs 4-5)**

 **Our prayers are being answered (v 7)**

 **Our lives are bringing attention to God (v 8)**