

House Group Questions - John 15:1-9

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1. PRUNING — What might God be asking me to let go of?

God prefers the secateurs to the Stihl Saw!

Jesus says that the Father prunes branches so that they will become *more fruitful*.

Pruning isn't necessarily about removing something bad — sometimes God asks us to let go of something **good** to make room for something more fruitful.

Is there something good in your life that God might be asking you to release, reduce or change at this season — and what makes that difficult?

2. ROOTING OUT — What is preventing healthy growth?

A tree can have branches that are dead, diseased, damaged or simply growing in the wrong direction.

What attitudes, habits, distractions or patterns in our lives can quietly prevent us from becoming more like Jesus? How can we allow God to deal with them rather than simply living with them? How does the 'each other' come into this?

3. CUTTING — How do we respond when something has come to an end?

Sometimes something genuinely needs to be cut away; at other times we may mistake pruning for failure or loss. The message suggests that what looks like a smaller or less fruitful season may actually be preparation for what God wants to grow next.

When have you experienced something being taken away or coming to an end, and only later recognised that God was doing something new? How can we respond with faith rather than simply looking backwards? What does that mean for us at ABC in this new season.

4. ABIDING — What does “remain in Jesus” look like in real life?

Jesus' invitation is not simply to *do more for him*, but to **remain in him**. That can be as simple as bringing God into the ordinary mess of everyday life, and it isn't something we are expected to do alone.

What helps you stay connected to Jesus when life is busy, difficult or spiritually dry — and how can we help one another to abide more deeply in Jesus?

A possible final question for the whole group:

If John 15 is Jesus' invitation to become more fruitful, what is one thing you sense God might be saying to you personally: “cut this,” “prune this,” or “remain in me”?