

## Strolling the Vineyard

Week 2: Branching Out

8-14-22

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John 15:1-5 (NIV)

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"I am the vine; you are the branches." (v. 5a)

**A. We \_\_\_\_\_ the Vine's life.**

**B. We receive the Gardener's \_\_\_\_\_.**

**C. We \_\_\_\_\_ our purpose.**

### 2. Fruit.

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"For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. <sup>16</sup> To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life. And who is equal to such a task?"

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"After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree..."

Romans 11:24a (NIV)

**B. \_\_\_\_\_ the connection.**

"When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!"

John 15:10-11 (NLT)

**Response:** \_\_\_\_\_

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