



**Getting-to-know-you questions:**

**For a new group:**

What is one thing we don't know about you?

**For an established group:**

Whose presence brought you comfort when you were younger?

**From the message:**

- 1) Did Sunday's message cause you to think about the Father's role as the vinedresser from a different perspective. If so, what did you understand differently?
- 2) Discuss what spiritual fruit looks like in the life of a believer. Try to avoid generalizations, be specific in your discussion.
- 3) Do you think that Jesus allows for an unfruitful believer in this passage? Why or why not?
- 4) Does obedience to Jesus gain us more of God's love? Why or why not?
- 5) What does this passage tell us about our purpose in life? How will you seek to fulfill that purpose in the coming week?

**Read:**

Psalm 16

And Or

**Watch:**

The Power of Knowing God TONY EVANS - The Benefits of Abiding

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/player/video/387039?session=387046>

**Discuss from the reading:**

- 1) The Psalmist refers to the fact that he takes refuge in God. What are some examples of how God is a refuge to us today?
- 2) What do verses 2,5,6 teach us about the Psalmist's view of his relationship with God?
- 3) How have you experienced the sorrows of running after other gods? (vs.4)
- 4) How has God instructed you over the course of your life?
- 5) 5) How have you experienced fullness of joy as you abide in Christ?

**Discuss from the video:**

- 1) Do you agree that God doesn't just want you saved for heaven? Why or why not?
- 2) What is the difference between informational knowledge of God and relational knowledge of God?
- 3) What are some ways that you soak to grow in your relationship with God?
- 4) How do you feel your life has or will change as you grow in your knowledge of God?

**Prayer:**

Pray for a deeper understanding of what it means to abide in Jesus.

Pray that you would respond well to the Father's pruning.

Pray that we, as a church, would "bear much fruit" in our city.