

## Life Group Discussion Material - Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> Message

Conformed to Christ (John 15)

*21 Weeks with Jesus*

1. In light of chapter 14's message that Jesus spoke to His disciples, in which he began preparing them for the future, how does chapter 15 naturally flow from that? Does it seem like Jesus goes from some general truths in chapter 14 to more specific, applicable truths in chapter 15?
2. The first main point that Jesus wants his disciples to learn in chapter 15 is based on spiritual growth. In your own words, what message is Jesus trying to convey to His disciples? (See verses 2, 4-5, 8)
3. What is the "fruit" that Jesus talks about and how does this differ from salvation?
4. Nominal Christianity means that one's faith is not genuine. What they believe is simply an empty label they use to describe themselves or it is a group they attend as a meaningless formality. Do you know anyone like this or have you been a nominal Christian at some point? Talk about this among yourselves from both viewpoints and think about some of these questions:
  - How did you feel attending services?*
  - What impact did church have on your life?*
  - Was a Biblical worldview even a thought to you?*
  - What motivated you to keep going or to stop going?*
  - When culture and nominal faith would clash, how did you respond?*
5. How is God "pruning" you right now? Are you receiving it and allowing it to happen or are you fighting it and questioning God?
6. Discuss with the group or think to yourself about Jesus' statement, "If the world hates you." Remember, this could be translated in such a way as to say, "If the world hates you, and it does."
7. What are some truths about persecution that should encourage us? Read these verses: John 15:19; John 16:1; Matthew 5:10-12; 2 Timothy 3:12