

FBC Sebring Wednesday Prayer Meeting

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John 15:1-8 (ESV)

*1 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.*

Prayer points:

- Praise God for this glorious truth that we are branches of Jesus as the Vine, and the Father is the Vinedresser. We are united with Him and part of His will in the world!
- Pray that our church members would bear true fruit – fruit of making disciples and of becoming more like Jesus ourselves.
- Pray that as He prunes us, we would receive His discipline and work in our lives (Philippians 1:6; Hebrews 12).

*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.*

Prayer points:

- Praise God for the gift of His Word, that has cleansed us and given us eternal life.
- Pray that we would genuinely abide in Jesus and He in us – that we would trust in Him, read His Word, pray unceasingly, and walk in His truth and power.
- Pray that we would realize our complete and utter need for Jesus, and that we would bear much fruit as we truly depend upon Him.

*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.*

Prayer points:

- Pray that we would avoid the judgment of not bearing fruit (1 Corinthians 3:15; Acts 5). *[This passage may not necessarily be talking about the fire of hell.]*

- Pray that Jesus *and* His words would abide in us, and that our prayers requests would then be granted by the Father.
- Pray that we would prove to be Jesus' disciples by bearing much fruit – *all* to the glory of God the Father.