



LISTENING GUIDE

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The Vine, the Gardener, and the Branches

John 15:1-2

As we kick off a study through John 15 today, the first two verses of this chapter draw our attention to *the Vine, the Gardener, and the branches*. Let's examine the text, then, to discover what it reveals about the abiding life.

Notice...

I. A Contrast of _____ (v.1a)

- The contrast in view is between _____ and _____
 - See *Psalm 80; Isaiah 5; Jeremiah 2, 12; Ezekiel 15, 17, 19; Hosea 10*
- Israel failed as they became _____ and _____

II. The Constructive _____ (vv.1b-2)

- Two things about His work:
 1. He _____ branches
 2. He _____ fruit-bearing branches

III. A Challenge for _____

- Will you _____ the Gardener to _____ your life?