

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for November 15, 2020:
Simply Thankful: Gifts & Abilities

**For personal reflection or for use as a devotion
with CGS Community or family**



● **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

● **CONNECT** *with each other*

○ What will Thanksgiving bring for your family this year?

● **GROW** *in Christ*

I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

John 15:1-8, 16

○ Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.

○ What is Jesus inviting you to do as a “branch”? What does remaining in Him look like?

○ When have you experienced the Gardener’s (Father’s) pruning? What in your life needed to be pruned away?

○ What happens to a branch that is cut off from the vine?

○ What happens when a branch is well-connected with the vine? What is the “fruit” Jesus is talking about?

● **SERVE** *others*

What special gifts and abilities of yours might be a gift to another person in your orbit? How might you make that connection?

● **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**