

## 6 Questions of Relevance: “I was just wondering. . .”

### Question #1: *What is God doing in my life?*

Simple Answer: **MAKING US LIKE CHRIST**

*“so that we might present everyone perfect in Christ.” – Colossians 1:28*

How does God do that? **HE PRUNES OR DISCIPLINES US**

*“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cut 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.” – John 15:2*

**Irony:** We all want to be like Christ but we don’t like the **PROCESS** God uses to get us there!

### Overview of God’s Pruning Process

- What is pruning and who is it for?
- Who is in charge of the pruning process?
- What is the purpose of pruning?
- What needs to be pruned in a Christian’s life?

**Three Core Areas of our lives that need pruning:**

#1 – **PRIDE**

#2 – **PURITY**

#3 – **PATIENCE**

- What does God use to prune us?

#1 – **WORD OF GOD**

#2 – **PEOPLE**

#3 – **CIRCUMSTANCES**

“Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasing at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees.” – **Hebrews 12:10-12**