Andrew Murray's *Abiding in Christ* Chapter Four

- 1. The author speaks about the three lessons of the parable: the nature of the union (p.29), the completeness of the union (p.29) and the object of the union (p.31). Of the three aspects, which did you find most compelling and why?
- 2. What do you consider the essentials of the relationship between yourself and Christ as illustrated with the vine and branch parable?
- 3. How does the fact that Jesus chose to depend upon His disciples to dispense blessings on the world affect your call?
- 4. Murray states, "All the vine posseses belongs to the branches. The vine does not gather from the soil its fatness & its sweetness for itself all it has is at the disposal of the branches." (p. 30). And on page 31, he states that "Jesus is indeed to me the True Vine, bearing me, nourishing me, supplying me, using me, and filling me to the full to make me bring forth fruit abundantly." From Scripture, or meditating on the names and attributes of Christ, list some things He supplies to us in order that we produce fruit. (perhaps using experimences this week).

- 5. All the branch posses belonging to the vine as well. It is a glorious image of the calling of the believer & the entireness of his consecration. It is to think of and live for the will, the glory, the work, the kingdom of the Lord the bringing forth of fruit to the glory of His name. How can we become more focused on our calling?
- 6. What does bearing fruit mean? Who produces the fruit
- 7. What did you find significant in your reading?