

DISCUSSION GUIDE

I AM the Vine | John 15:5

January 2, 2022



Introduction:

1. What needs to happen for a plant to bear fruit? Does the fruit grow by accident, or is it the result of an intentional effort on the part of a gardener or farmer?
2. In nature, when a piece of fruit is produced, what determines the kind of fruit that is produced? Can an apple tree produce oranges?
3. In the life of a Christian, what is the primary factor in determining the kinds of fruit (attitudes, actions, words) that will be produced in life?
4. When you think about your life, what kind of fruit do you want to produce? What can you do to ensure that you are producing the fruit you desire?

Discussion:

5. When Jesus says “I am the true vine,” what is he claiming about himself? Where have we seen Jesus make similar statements? (John 6:35; 8:12; 10:9 & 11; 11:25; and 14:6)
6. When the vine is talked about in the Old Testament, who is that a reference to? (Psalm 80:8-16, Isaiah 5:1-7, Jeremiah 2:21).
7. How has God provided for and cared for you?
8. Have you ever undergone the pruning process so that you can produce more fruit? Was that process painful? Was the result worth undergoing the pruning process?

9. What is the key to producing fruit in the life of a Christian? What must they do in order to bear much fruit?
10. What does it look like for someone to “remain in Jesus”?
11. Are you remaining in Jesus at this point in your life? If not, what would have to change for you to say that you are remaining in Jesus?
12. When Jesus talks about bearing much fruit, is he talking only about evangelism? What other fruit could he be talking about that is important to see in the life of a Christian?
13. When Jesus says “apart from me you can do nothing,” what is he talking about? What things are impossible to accomplish apart from Jesus?
14. How does being connected to Jesus help you accomplish things that have eternal value?
15. Is there any eternal value in the branches that are not connected to the vine?
16. Do you know people who have made a choice to live life apart from Jesus? What would you say to them if you had the opportunity?
17. What is the connection between keeping the commands of Jesus and remaining in Jesus and his love?
18. Have you ever experienced the full joy of Jesus in your life? Did it come at a time when everything was perfect or did it come in the midst of adversity and trial?

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