



I AM Jesus: the True Vine

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Life Group Discussion Questions:

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there a particular point or passage that challenged you, confused you, or caught your attention?
2. John used the example of the internet to set up the idea that being CONNECTED to Jesus is the most important connection we can have. What other people/things are we connected to in our lives? How much do those connections mean? How does our connection to Jesus compare with them in terms of how committed we are to remaining connected?
3. Read **John 14:12-27**. Remember this is part of Jesus' Farewell Address to his disciples and it is meant to comfort them. The disciples are about to lose their teacher- how would these words comfort them? How should they encourage us?
4. Read **John 15:1-17**. What does it mean that Jesus is the Vine and that we are the branches? How is Jesus our "sufficient source"?
5. Read **Galatians 5:22-25, Philippians 1:1, Hebrews 12:11**. What does it mean to bear fruit, to become more like Jesus?
6. Do you expect God to use you to bring people to Christ? In your home, in your church, in your community? Why or why not? How can remembering that Jesus is the Vine help us be a light to the world?
7. John used cell phone internet service as an illustration of how connected we are to Christ- are you at 2G, 3G, 4G or LTE? Be honest with yourself and with God! Do not allow yourself to feel either pride or shame; rather, make it a moment to recommit, to acknowledge once again his Lordship in your life, and to ask Him for more of His Spirit, more of His guidance, more of His joy, more of His all-sufficient, life-giving presence.

Next Steps: How can you strengthen your connection to Christ? Discuss as a group real ways that you can Cooperate with the Holy Spirit, Meditate on His Word, Develop a dependent prayer life.

Prayer Thought: Use the ACTS prayer method to A-praise God that He is our sufficient source; C- confess how we have allowed ourselves to disconnect rather than more fully connect to Him; T- thank Him for the freedom to be a Christ-follower and for the many ways in which He brings joy to our lives; S- ask Him for boldness, courage and wisdom as we engage the world around us. Specifically pray for people in our lives who need Jesus and those whom we can invite to Easter worship.