

## THE FRUIT OF THE VINE

Use the following Growth Group discussion questions to deepen your relationship with God, his Word and others.

Growth Group Leaders: It is not necessary to use all the questions. Select or ask questions you like or that best fit your Growth Group.

### **BREAK IT OUT:**

1. Spiritually, what plant best describes you now: towering oak, Weeping Willow, tumble-weed or crab-apple tree? Explain.
2. What got your attention, made you think or was a new idea in Sunday's sermon?

### **TALK IT OUT: READ JOHN 15:1-11**

3. What does it mean to remain in Christ? What does it look like in actual practice?
4. Spiritually, what does it mean for branches to be pruned?
5. How have you experienced the pruning work of the Father in your life?
6. Who produces fruit in a believer's life?
7. What does spiritual fruit look like (*Galatians 5:22-23*)?
8. As a branch on Christ's vine, how would you describe the fruit in your life: Grade A-1, juicy, green, wormy? Why?

### **WORK IT OUT:**

9. If you are not bearing much fruit, what is Jesus' counsel to you in these verses?
10. What steps can you take to help you obey Jesus by remaining in Him?

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In Hampton Court near London, there is a grapevine which is about 1,000 years old. This grapevine has one root which is at least two feet thick, and some of the branches are 200 feet long. Despite its age, the vine produces several tons of grapes each year. Although some of the smaller branches are 200 feet from the main stem, they still bear sweet and delicious fruit because they are connected to the vine. In the same way, the vitality of our spiritual life is dependent upon our connection to Christ, the "true vine".

1. **The source of life** - (*John 15:1*). "I am the True Vine." Jesus is the one and only true source of life.
2. **Our connection** - (*John 1:5*). "Apart from me you can do nothing." Our connection to the vine is the source of the fruit we produce.

### **Application**

How is your connection to the vine?  
This week, take time to evaluate the fruit  
you are producing in your life.

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