



**Branches that
Bear Fruit**

**SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS**

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GETTING STARTED

In **John 15:1–11**, Jesus gives a picture of what it means to truly live in relationship with Him. He says, *“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.”* The vine gives life to its branches, and only those branches connected to the vine can bear fruit.

Jesus reminds his disciples that spiritual fruitfulness isn't about striving or doing more—it's about **staying connected to Him**. The Christian life flows from **union, not effort**. A branch doesn't produce fruit by trying harder; it produces fruit by staying attached.

- What are signs that a branch (or believer) is truly connected to Jesus?
- How might busyness or independence cause us to “disconnect” from the vine?

INTO THE WORD

The key phrase appears in verse 5: *“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”* This is the heartbeat of Christian living—dependence on Jesus for everything.

Fruit is not what we do for God but what Jesus does through us. As His words remain in us, our prayers align with His will, and the Father receives glory through our fruitfulness (v.8)

- How does remaining in Jesus shape your prayers and desires?
- Why is dependence on Him essential for true fruitfulness?

GOING DEEPER

To bear fruit is to live a life that reflects the heart of Jesus. He invites us to “remain in His love” (v.9)—to stay rooted in His presence, nourished by His Word, and obedient to His commands. Fruit grows from love, not obligation.

When we abide in Christ, we not only grow in faith but bring joy to the Father and experience **the fullness of Jesus’ joy** in ourselves (v.11). The evidence of a healthy branch is lasting fruit—changed lives, deeper love, and joy that overflows to others

- How can you strengthen your daily connection with Jesus?
- What fruit is the Holy Spirit producing in and through you right now?

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, teach us what it means to truly abide in You—to stay close, to listen, to rest, and to draw our life from Your presence. May Your Word take deep root in our hearts so that the fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—flows naturally from our lives. Let others see Your life in us, and may all the glory go to You.

Thank You for promising that when we remain in You, our joy will be complete. Help us to stay connected every day, to walk in obedience, and to live fruitful lives that point others to Your grace.

In Jesus’ name, **Amen.**