

# York St Small Groups

## Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**Our Family Tree - Our Responsibilities**

***Mark 15:1-17***



**These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.**



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## **GETTING STARTED**

**Q1.** Think of the roles you play in life, if you were to list those roles what would they look like? E.g.: follower of Christ, husband/wife, friend, mentor, creative, etc...

**Q2.** Think of what you spend time 'doing' in life. What are the things that take up most of your time, thoughts, and energy?

**Q3.** Often what we say is a high priority does not match up with the amount of time we spend on another area of life. For example, we spend a lot of time at work/school, but how much time do we spend thinking of the poor? Sure, we know it's important, we value it, but our time gets consumed with other things. What's an area of your life you would like to develop to align with your values?

## INTO THE WORD

*Read John 15:1-8*

**Q4.** We (branches) are to stay connected to the vine (Jesus), God (gardener) prunes branches that are bearing fruit and cuts off branches that are not. What do you think this means for us?

**Q5.** Verse 8 talks about fruit, and that the bearing of fruit is “showing yourselves to be my disciples”. What do you think this fruit is that Jesus is talking about?

*Read John 15:9-17*

**Q6.** The passage ends with a focus on love and belonging. If you take the answers from the previous questions (Q4 and Q5) and add them to the “love and belonging points” in Q6, what would the summary of this passage of scripture be to you?

## **GOING DEEPER**

*Read Galatians 5:22*

**Q7.** Being plugged into the vine means being connected to Christ. We read that when we are connected to the Holy Spirit, the things we desire and seek on earth daily will be things of God (such as the fruits of the spirit). How do you think we can live this out in light of the summary we made in Q6?

**Q8.** This week as we continue to practice our spiritual habits, look at what we need to “remove, prune, plug in, or protect”. Remember that the spiritual habit will draw us closer to the vine, connect us deeper, and ensure that we bear fruit that can also benefit others as well as ourselves.

### **Pray**

Heavenly Father, draw us closer to the True Vine, draw us closer to your Son, allow the Holy Spirit to fill us, speak to us, and lead us in our day-to-day lives. We ask that if there are areas of our lives that need pruning, or that need to be removed, we invite you Lord to do a good work in us to refine us into the men and women you want us to be. We pray this in Jesus' holy name, amen.