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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS

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Key Verse: John 15:1-8

#### **GETTING STARTED**

Jesus calls us to remain in Him, just as branches stay connected to the vine for life and growth. Without Him, we can do nothing. John Piper describes six elements of the Gospel, which help us understand how to stay connected:

- 1. A Plan God's purpose for salvation.
- 2. An Event Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.
- 3.**An Achievement** Sin is defeated, and salvation is won.
- 4. An Offer Jesus invites us to receive Him.
- 5. **The Application** We respond in faith and repentance.
- 6. God He is at the center of it all
- What does it mean to remain (abide) in something?
- Have you ever felt spiritually dry? What helped you reconnect with God?

#### INTO THE WORD

#### Read John 15:1-8.

 According to John 15:1-8, what happens when we remain in Jesus?

 How do John Piper's six elements of the Gospel help us understand how to stay connected to Jesus?

Jesus is the true vine, and we are the branches. The only way to bear fruit—good works, a transformed life, and spiritual growth—is by remaining in Him. The Gospel shows us that God had a plan (our need for connection), an event (Jesus' sacrifice), and an achievement (our salvation). He offers us this connection, but we must apply it by continuing to abide in Him.

### GOING DEEPER

#### What's Next?

• What are some ways you can intentionally stay connected to Jesus daily?

• When have you experienced "pruning" in your life? How did it help you grow spiritually?

Remaining in Jesus isn't a one-time decision—it's a lifelong commitment. Like branches, we need pruning, which can be uncomfortable, but it helps us grow stronger.

#### **PRAY TOGETHER**