

Talk It Over

"I AM" -Jesus (Week 7) "I Am the True Vine"

SMALL TALK

1. Do you have a favorite plant or tree? Why is it meaningful to you?

VIEWPOINT

2. **Read John 15:1-8.** What does Jesus' word picture convey about how we are to relate to Him, and how does it emphasize our dependence on Him?
3. **Read John 15:9-11.** How does "remaining" (abiding) in Christ's love affect our relationships with others and our overall outlook on life?
4. **Read John 15:12-14.** Why is this commandment (15:12) significant in the context of Jesus' vine analogy? How does our love for one another reflect our connection to Jesus?
5. **Read John 15:15-17.** What kind of relationship does Jesus want to have with you? What purpose does he describe? What is required for "lasting fruit"? (15:4-5, 16-17)

GETTING PERSONAL

6. What are some practical ways you can remain connected to Jesus in your daily life? How can you cultivate a deeper and more intimate relationship with Him?
7. In your current season of life, what are some ways you can bear spiritual fruit, such as love, joy, peace, and kindness? How can your actions and attitudes reflect the presence of Christ in you?

MAKING PROGRESS (THIS WEEK)

Pick one: Cultivate daily connection, seek opportunities to love _____ (name), study or memorize God's Word, pray a bold prayer in keeping with God's will, or other: _____.