

Small Group Study Guide, Week of April 13, 2025

John 15:1-11. "I AM the Vine "

Question: How do Christians change? How can we bear fruit?

Ice Breaker: Spiritually, what plant best describes you right now? Towering oak? Weeping willow? Tumbleweed? Something else? Why?

Dig:

1. Identify the vine, the gardener, and the branches. How are they related? What is the purpose of the branches?
2. Define "bear," "fruit," "prune," "clean," "abide," and "joy". How does each relate to the others? How does each relate to the vine, the gardener, and the branches from Question #1? In vv 9-11, how does each relate to "love"?

Apply:

3. How have you experienced Jesus as the "vine" recently?
4. What kind of fruit are you bearing in your life right now? How abundant is the crop? What would you like it to be? What needs to change for that to happen? As a branch, what can/will you do?

Adapted from Serendipity Bible (1988), This Morning with God (1978), Search the Scriptures (1978)