

**Small Group Discussion Guide**  
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*Parables: What Jesus Really Thinks*  
“The Vine and the Branches”  
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**Welcome**

- Describe a time when you felt like your life was like a hamster wheel--mundane and repetitive.
- Have you ever had an "I've had it!" moment, when you realized your life needs to go a completely different direction? If so, please share.

**Word**

1. Read John 15:1-17.
  - a. What is Jesus telling his followers to do in this teaching?
  - b. What is significant about his use of the fruit analogy?
  - c. How does he say we will bear fruit?
2. In your world, how would fruit bearing look?
3. Describe a time that God's done some pruning in your life.
4. Describe a time when you felt especially fruitful.
5. God wants your life to bear much fruit. How does that make you feel?

**Weave**

- What are some specifics that will bring your life into the “abundant fruit production” that Jesus wants for you?
- How can you incorporate those specifics into this week?