

Renewed

Our Strategy: How will we get There?

John 15:1-11

TALK IT OVER

Passages

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." – John 15:1-11 (ESV)

Start Talking: Find an announcement or mission for your group. (15 Min)

- See and discuss Outreach Party Ideas on page 4.
- What is the next mission we would like to participate in?
- What's one thing from last weekend's sermon that you hope we talk about as a group?

Head: Start Thinking about the Text. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- In John 15:1-11 what can we do apart from God? Why do you think this is?
- What happens when we abide in Him?

Heart: Start Sharing how the Text is shaping our beliefs. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- How do you abide with Jesus? What does that mean to you?
- As a church, how does our strategic pathway (Gather, Grow, Serve, Go) serve to help us abide with Jesus?

Hands: Start living the Text. Commit to believing or obeying the text this week. (10 Min)

- What aspects of the strategic pathway do you feel you're already engaged in? What areas do you want to lean into more?
- Create an "I will" statement based on today's discussion.

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. Pick a question. (15 Min)

1. Who is one non-believer or someone without a church home that you need to reach out to this week?
2. What kind of conversations are you having with people you are reaching out to?
3. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
4. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.