

# SMALL GROUP / STUDY GUIDE

## SCRIPTURE

Read **John 15:3–6**

## KEY TRUTH

Everything good in your life flows from your connection to Jesus.

## OBSERVATION QUESTIONS

(What does the passage say?)

- What imagery does Jesus use to describe our relationship with Him?
- What does Jesus say is necessary in order to bear fruit?
- What happens to a branch that does not abide in the vine?
- What word or idea is repeated throughout this passage?

## INTERPRETATION QUESTIONS

(What does the passage mean?)

- Jesus says, “*Abide in Me.*” What do you think that means in your own words?
- The message emphasized being “**in Christ.**” Why is our *connection* to Jesus so central to everything else?
- Why does Jesus use such strong language about branches that don’t remain connected?
- How does this passage challenge the idea that we can find life apart from Jesus?

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

(What does this mean for us?)

### 1. Jesus is your SOURCE

- Where do you most often look for life, peace, or fulfillment?
- What would it look like to turn to Jesus *first* instead of those things?
- Practically, what is your “first instinct” each morning?

### 2. Jesus is your PRIORITY

What is quietly taking first place in your life right now?  
Is there anything restricting your connection with Jesus?  
What might God be asking you to “cut out” or reorder?

### **3. Jesus is your FOCUS**

What distractions most often pull your attention away from Jesus?  
What helps you refocus when your attention drifts?  
What would it look like to intentionally “fix your eyes on Jesus” this week?

## **PERSONAL REFLECTION**

Take a moment and ask:

Am I truly **abiding in Jesus**, or just around Him?  
Where in my life do I feel dry, disconnected, or worn out?  
What is one step I can take this week to stay connected?

## **PRACTICE FOR THE WEEK**

**Start your day connected.**

Before checking your phone, emails, or anything else:

Spend a few minutes with Jesus  
Read a short passage of Scripture  
Pray: “*Jesus, I need You.*”

## **PRAYER**

Jesus,

You are the true source of life. Apart from You, we can do nothing. Help us to remain in You, to stay connected, and to stop looking for life in places that can’t give it. Draw us back to You this week. Teach us to abide.

Amen.