



## **John 15:1-17**

*“Abiding in Jesus, the vine and friend”*

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### **Consult the Scriptures:**

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### **Discuss:**

1. Considering the history of Israel, what is the significance of Jesus calling Himself “The True Vine”?
2. In verse 3 Jesus says “Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.” Why is this so important? (Consider what the coming hours and days would look like for the disciples.)
3. Read the quote from Gary Burge and discuss.

“To be connected to the vine means that the life of Jesus is flowing through us, and this leads to fruitfulness. Fruitfulness will be the inevitable outcome of an interior spiritual life with Jesus” – Gary Burge

4. When it comes to abiding, what stirs your affections for Jesus?
5. How do your closest friends stir up your affections for Jesus?
6. How can you be intentional about investing in relationships that point you to Jesus in 2024?

7. What does it mean to know that Jesus calls you His friend and He chose you?
8. What does it look like for you to have genuine friendship that is mutual?
9. What does it look like for you to have genuine friendship that is intentional?
10. What does it look like for you to have genuine friendship that is sacrificial?
11. What does it look like for you to have genuine friendship that is vulnerable?

**Read this quote and discuss:**

"This gets to the essence of what it means to live as a body of believers: living with one another in a way that mirrors how we live with Christ. Living as a body of believers is not hiding but confessing. It is not remaining unknown but being fully known so that we have the opportunity to be fully loved." Justin Whitmel Earely, *Made for People* pg 47.

Discuss the video clip that pastor Tyler shared. How can you make this part of your life?