

**Let's start:** Invite God into the meeting. Trust the Holy Spirit to guide your meeting, and touch lives.

**Worship:** Please try make the effort to engage in worship together

**Discussion:** Supernatural fruit: John 15:5 ESV

*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.*

**Note that this is only a guide. Please discuss the points you want to discuss.**

John 15:1-8 ESV

*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 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. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 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. 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. 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. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."*

- 1. How do you understand the difference between a vine and a vinedresser in the context of this scripture?**
- 2. What does 'abiding in' mean to you? How do you do it, or how can you do it better?**
  - "Abide in me" means to continue in a daily, personal relationship with Jesus, characterized by trust, prayer, obedience, and joy (The ESV Study Bible)
- 3. What fruit do you think we will produce in our lives from abiding in Jesus?**

(Galatians 5:22-23a NLT)

*But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

- 4. Why do you think Jesus used the analogy of a seed and fruit?**
- 5. What fruits do you feel are not evident enough in our lives?**
- 6. Discuss why we allow people to eat of the fruit in our lives, but not always the seed, which can be bitter.**

Matthew 7:21-23 NLT

*"Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. On judgment day many will say to me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name. But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws.'"*

- 7. How does this scripture make you feel, and why?**
- 8. Are you more concerned about your own salvation or the salvation of others?**
- 9. Why did Jesus say this and why do people need to be warned of this?**

**Remember:** It is scary to think that many people who believe that they are in touch with God, may be disqualified, as pointed out in Matthew 7. Are we challenging ourselves and our friends to live lives that are "doing the will of the Father", or are we living lives pleasing to our own will? People need us, as delivery agents of Gods word, the seed, covered in the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

PLEASE, LEAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO HAVE EVERYONE IN THE GROUP PRAYED FOR.

**WORKS:** Let's pray for:

- Discipline and desire to live for God, not just for ourselves.
- Our group and those we are trusting God to add to our group.
- Any special needs in the group.

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