

## May 18, 2025 Graduation Sunday

## HIT THE HIGH NOTES:

- 1. It's graduation season! Talk about the plans of the graduates in your life/church. Pray for them as they enter this next chapter of their lives.
- 2. When you visualize a vine, what comes to mind?
- 3. What was one take away from your experience at church on Sunday?

**READ John 15:1-13** Take time to mark up, think through, circle things you notice and then briefly discuss your *general* observations. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom and understanding as you interact with His Word.

## **Discussion:**

- 1. Who is the "I am" and "true vine" in this passage? (Verse 1)
- 2. Who is the vinedresser/gardener?
- 3. A vine has the habit of spreading. Have you allowed The Vine (Jesus) to spread into other areas of your life beyond your initial salvation? Has He overtaken all aspects of your life? Are there areas that are "off limits"?
- 4. **Define the word** *Abide***.** (see a dictionary for help) **How can we abide in Christ?** (See verse 7,9-10 for additional insight.)
- 5. What does it mean to "bear fruit" in the context of John 15?
- 6. Spiritual fruits are listed in Galatians 5:22-23. Which of these Holy Spirit fruits are evident in your life?
- 7. How have you experienced pruning? Pruning might look like a season of difficulty or loss.
- 8. Reread verse 7. What have you learned about prayer and abiding in Christ from this passage?

Read: In preparation for next week, Read Matthew 6.

**Pray:** Father, thank you for having the power to make things grow. Show me what you want to prune from my life so that fruit may be more plentiful. In Jesus name, Amen

**Go:** Summer *vacation* is on the horizon. Pray about how you might invest in the spiritual maturity of someone younger in the faith than you are and then act upon what the Holy Spirit reveals to you. Maybe it's volunteering once a month in NextGen ministry or a one-on-one conversation with a friend. Pray then act upon the Spirit's prompting!