

I Am the True Vine

Week Six

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Talk About

As Jesus and his disciples walked through a vineyard, fear, tensions, uncertainty, and anxiety are running high. Moments ago, Jesus had said he was about to leave them. He also told them—in spite of how they felt—*he would not leave them as orphans* (John 14:18ff). But all they knew for certain was that their purpose until then and their hopes were about to unravel, and they felt powerless to stop it.

- Have you ever felt this way? What was this like for you? How did you cope?
- How did your friends and family respond? Was their response helpful or hurtful?

Read John 15:1-8.

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Jesus uses the familiar—grape vines—to help them understand their deepening relationship with him and his Father.

- How does Jesus' teaching help you better understand your relationship with your Heavenly Father and Jesus? Your purpose? Your faith community?
- Are there areas where the Father is pruning you? How would you describe this experience? Has it been painful? Has it been beneficial?

Jesus emphasizes the need to “remain” (using the term 11 times).

- Why does he make such an emphasis? What does this tell us about our temptation and his promises in difficult seasons?
- How do you “remain” connected when your life, hopes, or dreams are unraveling and/or you're feeling anxious, fearful or hopeless?
- In what specific way is Jesus teaching hopeful as you lean into your future?
- Does something stand out to you where you feeling challenged by Him?
- What unanswered questions or concerns rise up for you as you consider this passage?
- How can this community walk with you if you're going through a difficult season so that you can “remain” in the Vine? How can you walk with one another?