



### Discussion Questions for John 15:1-11

1. In what way(s) did God speak to you today through His Spirit and His Word?
2. What does it mean to abide in Christ? How do you practice abiding in Christ? What are the biggest hurdles to abiding in Christ?
3. Why does Jesus connect abiding in Christ and bearing spiritual fruit?
4. What is important about Jesus being the true vine? What other “vines” are a temptation for us to pursue?
5. What do we learn about God the Father in this text? What do His actions teach us about Himself?
6. What does the text say about those branches that do not bear fruit? In this passage, how do you know Jesus is not talking about losing your salvation? What other passages in John help us interpret this passage? (Hint: See John 6:37-39, John 10:27-28, and John 15:3)
7. What does Jesus communicate about the purpose of pruning fruit-bearing branches? Can you see how pruning has been used to produce more fruit in your life? Why is Jesus more committed to our fruit-bearing rather than just our comfort?
8. The text mentions God’s Word being in us and changing us, asking and receiving things according to God’s Will, experiencing Christ’s love, and having joy as examples of what it means to grow in the gospel. Which of these examples is most evident in your life right now?
9. What do we learn about God’s love in this text? How does His love help us abide and bear fruit?
10. What does the text teach us about joy?
11. How can you encourage each other to continue to grow in the gospel?