



# GROUPS DISCUSSION GUIDE

**WEEK MAR 21 - MAR 27**

## MAIN IDEA

Jesus is the vine, we are the branches.

## CHECK IN (HIGHS & LOWS) 15 min

A great, quick way to catch the highlights of what is happening in the lives of the people in your group is to take turns quickly sharing the “highs & lows” of your week. High: What was the highlight of your week? Low: What was the low point of your week?

## SETTLE IN (ICE BREAKER) 10 min

1. Start your time with open prayer. Set a timer for five minutes and leave it open for anyone to pray for what’s on their mind. Here are some potential topics:
  - For us to continue to abide in Christ
  - For our group to have fresh understanding and insight of God’s truth
  - For you to see where God wants to apply his truth in your life
2. Do you consider yourself to have a “green thumb”? Are you good at or do you enjoy taking care of plants, lawns, flowers, or gardens? Why or why not?

## LOOK IN (OBSERVATION) 15 min

1. Read John 15:1-8. According to this passage, who is Jesus in this illustration? Who is God the Father? Who are we?
2. What happens when we abide/remain in Christ?

3. What happens if we don’t abide/remain in Christ?
4. Read Matthew 7:15-20. What kind of different fruit can people produce?
5. Read Ephesians 5:8-17. What sticks out to you about this passage?

## LOOK UP (UNDERSTANDING) 20 min

1. According to John 15:1-8, why does the gardener need to prune the vine?
2. How does abiding in Christ allow us to produce fruit?
3. Why can’t we produce (good) fruit without Christ?
4. According to Matthew 7:15-20, how can we recognize false teachers?
5. According to Ephesians 5, how do we keep ourselves from producing bad fruit and produce good fruit instead?
6. What does good and bad fruit look like in the life of a Christ-follower?

## GEAR UP (APPLICATION) 20 min

1. How do you practice abiding in Christ to keep yourself connected to the vine?
2. Where in your life do you see yourself producing good fruit or bad fruit?

## STEP UP (HOMEWORK) 5 min

1. This week is serve week at Summit. Is your group serving in the community somewhere? If so, watch how God will use you. If not, put a plan together!