

JOHN 15

The Vine, The Branches & The Fruit

COED BIBLE STUDY | WORKSHOP

In John 15, Jesus paints a vivid picture of our relationship with Him — the True Vine. This workshop will guide your group through key passages, unpack the meaning of abiding, explore the Fruits of the Spirit, and discover the role of the Holy Spirit as our Comforter. Come ready to dig in, discuss openly, and grow together.

01 What Is Jesus Saying in Verses 1–2?

John 15:1–2

Read John 15:1–2 aloud as a group. Jesus describes Himself as the True Vine and His Father as the Gardener. Every branch that bears no fruit is removed, and every branch that does bear fruit is pruned so it will be even more fruitful. Discuss: What does this imagery tell us about our connection to Christ and the Father's active role in our lives?

YOUR REFLECTIONS

02 What Does 'Pruned' Mean?

John 15:2

The Greek word for 'prune' (kathairo) means to cleanse or cut away. Pruning in the natural world removes dead or excess growth so the plant can channel energy into healthy fruit. Discuss: What might God be 'pruning' in your own life right now — habits, relationships, mindsets? How does understanding pruning as an act of love change your perspective on difficult seasons?

YOUR REFLECTIONS

03 What Does It Mean to Remain in Jesus — and Him in Us?

John 15:4–7 | Cross-ref: Colossians 3:16, 1 John 4:13, Galatians 2:20

To 'remain' or 'abide' (Greek: meno) means to stay, dwell, and make your home in something. Jesus says apart from Him we can do nothing (v.5). Cross-reference: Colossians 3:16 — 'Let the word of Christ dwell richly among you.' 1 John 4:13 — 'He has given us of His Spirit.' Galatians 2:20 — 'It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.' Discuss: What practical steps help you stay connected to Jesus daily?

YOUR REFLECTIONS

04 The Fruits of the Spirit — and the Father's Glory

John 15:8 | Galatians 5:22–23

Jesus says bearing much fruit brings the Father great glory (v.8). Galatians 5:22–23 names those fruits: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control. Discuss: Which fruit is most visible in your life right now? Which one do you sense God is developing in you through pruning? How does displaying these fruits glorify the Father before those around you?

YOUR REFLECTIONS

05 What Commandment Did He Give Us to Remain In?

John 15:9–12

Jesus commands us to love one another as He has loved us (v.12), and says that if we keep His commandments we will remain in His love — just as He kept the Father's commandments and remains in His love (v.10). This is not love as a feeling but love as a choice and a commitment. Discuss: What does it look like to love one another 'as He has loved us' in your everyday relationships — at home, at work, in this group?

YOUR REFLECTIONS

06 Who Is the Comforter, and What Did He Come to Do?

John 15:26

Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the 'Comforter' or 'Helper' (Greek: Paraklete — one called alongside to help). In John 15:26 He says: 'When the Comforter comes, whom I will send to you from the Father — the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father — He will testify about me.' The Holy Spirit's specific mission in this text is to bear witness to Jesus. Discuss: How have you experienced the Holy Spirit testifying about Jesus in your own life — through Scripture, through people, or through personal conviction?

YOUR REFLECTIONS

CLOSING PRAYER & COMMITMENT

Close your time together by praying John 15:5 over one another: "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."

Challenge: This week, identify one area where you will intentionally abide — and one fruit you will ask the Holy Spirit to grow in you.