

True North: Week 4

Discuss Guide

Discuss: (Choose 4-5)

- Share a time in your life when you just felt a little (or a lot) off track, like you were disconnected from God.
- Read [John 15:1-8 \(NIV\)](#) aloud. Have everyone follow along in their Bible. Every time you read the word “remain” have everyone say it aloud.
- What are some ways (habits or disciplines) that help you most to stay connected to Jesus?
- If Jesus is the vine and we are its branches, what does [Hosea 6:4-6 \(MSG\)](#) teach us about what God wants for us to make our lives fruitful?

Other Passages: (choose at least one of the passages below to read with your group)

- How many times would you guess the word “vine” or “vineyard” is used in the Bible [Correct answer: 117x in the NIV].
- Read [Psalm 80:1-18](#). What metaphors are used there that Jesus also used.
- Read [Isaiah 5:1-7](#), the song of the vineyard. How does that help you understand Jesus’ words in John 15?
- Read [Matthew 21:33-46](#). What light does this parable shed on Jesus’ claim to be the true vine?

Apply:

- Share one thing with the group you need to do to connect to Jesus more fully.

Prayer:

Pass out 3x5 cards and have everyone write down one thing they would like to accomplish through Jesus’ strength. This can be anonymous. During your prayer time, just have someone read the cards while the group silently prays over them. Then simply say, “Amen.”