

DISCUSSION GUIDE || February 4 & 5, 2026

REMEMBER

- Our faith is not just meant to be *believed*, it's meant to **be lived**. Our belief informs our behavior.
- Our **5 Core Practices** are TNC's summary of Christian living and our intention to live it together
- Core Practice 3 (GROW DISCIPLES): We commit to invite people into a relationship with Jesus by baptizing, teaching, and sending them on mission.
- Every group is a greenhouse that forms us for better or worse. Our hope is that TNC is growing disciples in the image of Jesus that are formed for mission.

REFLECT on our **practice**

1. *What are some of the most formative practices, people, or experiences in your life?*
2. A church's teaching, focus, mission, and way of living together provide the soil from which a disciple grows. *How would you describe TNC's soil for growing disciples? Where might we (re)focus more intentionally this year?*

READ **John 15.1-8**

REFLECT on the **passage**

3. **What word, phrase, or observation** is the most interesting to you from this familiar passage? **Why?**
4. Remember that the Vine or Vineyard (representing Israel) with God as the Gardener was a common metaphor used in the Old Testament prophets. **How is Jesus re-framing or pushing this metaphor forward** in his teaching to the disciples?
5. Remember that the disciples' relationship to Jesus was about to change after their discussion in the Upper Room. Jesus is going to die, rise, and send the Holy Spirit. **What does "Abiding/Remaining/Dwelling" look like in the life of a disciple?**
6. **What do you think Jesus is describing when he uses the language of "pruning"?**
What do you think it looks like in the life of the disciple?
What's been your experience with pruning?
7. In addition to new disciples this year—**what can we pause and pray for right now?**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **LADIES NIGHT** (Galentine's Day) is this Friday, February 6th at the Crumpton's house
- **YOUTH NIGHT** is this Saturday, February 7th after our Worship Gathering.