



Growth Groups: Week 9 (11/12-16)

Confession: What do you need to confess? (Here's a question to help you examine ways you might not be believing the Gospel).

- What are you desiring more than anything else?

Learning: What are you learning?

- What are you reading in the Bible? What did you learn about God? What did you learn about the Gospel?
- How is consistency?

Accountability: How can your Growth Group hold you accountable this week?

- This ties in with the confession questions. This is a practical way to walk together to identify sin and pursue sanctification together.
- How can your Growth Group help point each other to the Gospel daily? Come up with practical ways to follow through.

Prayer & Praise: How can we pray for you? What are you praising God for?

Scripture Memory: **John 15:1-2** – “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes..”

John 15 – The True Vine

The Old Testament describes Israel as the Lord's vineyard, His own special planting. He was the Vinedresser who built walls around it and protected it from enemies ([Isa. 5](#)). He pruned it and watered it so that it might grow and bear fruit. But Israel showed disobedience and faithlessness time and time again. So, God tore down the walls that it might be destroyed.

Jesus says, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser” ([John 15:1](#)). In recording these words from Jesus, John is showing us that He is the True Israel, the true planting of the Lord. And all who would belong to God must be part of the vine. Jesus is the True Vine, and we are the branches.

Read John 15:1-17 together & summarize it

Discuss on the text:

- What does it mean to bear fruit?
- How can a person remain or abide in Jesus?
- In what sense are believers clean (15:3)? In what sense do we need periodic cleansing (John 13:8-10)?

Application:

- Describe one experience you have had of being pruned by God?
- How can you abide more deeply in Jesus this week?