

February 1, 2026 - Small Group Discussion Questions

John 15:1–17

1. **Jesus defines the relationship clearly: He is the vine, and we are the branches.**
How does this challenge common ideas of independence, self-reliance, or success that shape adult life?
2. **Jesus says that apart from Him, we can do nothing of lasting value.**
Where are you most tempted to depend on your competence, experience, or effort rather than on Christ?
3. **The command to “remain” in Jesus is repeated, yet it is not presented as striving or performance.**
What does remaining in Christ look like for you in ordinary rhythms—work, family life, stress, and rest?
4. **The sermon emphasizes that fruitfulness flows from connection, not effort.**
How does this reshape the way you think about spiritual growth, productivity, or faithfulness in this season of life?
5. **Jesus reminds His disciples that He chose them and holds them, even when they feel weak.**
How does this truth speak to seasons of discouragement, failure, or feeling like you are “not doing enough” spiritually?
6. **Jesus links remaining in Him with loving others sacrificially.**
What is one concrete way God may be calling you to love someone differently as a result of staying connected to Christ?