

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Spring 2026:  
week 1

In John 15:1–11, Jesus describes Himself as the true vine and His followers as the branches. Just as a branch must stay connected to the vine to live and produce fruit, our life depends on staying connected to Jesus. The central invitation of the passage is simple: “Remain in me.” When we remain in Christ—trusting Him and depending on Him—He promises that our lives will produce fruit. But Jesus also makes it clear that apart from Him we can do nothing, reminding us that spiritual growth comes from our connection to Him, not from our own effort.

## Getting To Know You

*Ice-breakers are designed to establish common ground, help you get to know other people and share a little bit about your life.*

- 1. If you could be any sort of animal for a day, what animal would you chose and why?**
- 2. What is a strange or useless talent you have?**
- 3. You find yourself on the set of a zombie apocalypse movie. You haven't read the script. What role do you instinctively choose?**
  - Leader
  - Comic Relief
  - Food scavenger
  - Villain
  - The first person taken out.

## Digging Deeper

*These questions are designed to help you dig deeper into the sermon topic, relevant scriptures, and provide deeper opportunities for reflection.*

**1. Read John 15:1-11 together. According to Jesus, what is the result of remaining (abiding) in Him? (v. 5)**

**2. For you personally, what does it look like in everyday life to remain in Jesus?**

**3. Jesus says that apart from Him we can do nothing (John 15:5). Why do you think it is easy for people - even Christians - to try to live life apart from Jesus?**

**4. The sermon mentioned a few ways we remain in Jesus. Remaining in His Word, Remaining in His Love, Responding with Obedience.**

**Which of these feels most natural for you right now? Which one is the most challenging?**

- **Read Colossians 3:16. What does it look like practically to let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly (remain)?**

- **Read 1 John 4:16. What does John say happens when someone lives in God's love (remain)?**
- **Jesus connects obedience with remaining in His love (John 15:10). Read James 1:22-25. Why is it important that our faith moves beyond hearing God's Word to actually doing it?**

**5. Jesus says a branch that remains in Him will bear fruit. Where have you seen evidence of spiritual growth in your life over time? If someone observed your life right now, what kind of spiritual fruit might they discover?**

## **Application**

*The goal is life transformation, not simple discussion. Application is how we live differently because of this week's teachings and discussions.*

**1. What is one practical way you could stay more connected to Jesus this week? below are a few examples.**

- **Spending time in Scripture**
- **Prayer**
- **Worship**
- **Obedience in a specific area**
- **Slowing down and being aware of God's presence.**

**2. What is one step you could take this week to remain in Jesus more intentionally?**

## Prayer Requests

*Take time to record prayer requests here. Confidentiality is an important part of a healthy small group.*

**Close by praying for each other:**

- **Ask God to help you remain in Christ this week**
- **Pray that your lives would bear spiritual fruit**
- **Pray for one specific need someone in the group shared**