



## **Read John 15:1-11**

### **Discussion Questions:**

How does Jesus' claim to be the 'true vine' challenge or expand your understanding of His role in salvation history compared to Israel's role?

In what ways might you be relying on your own efforts or 'spiritual genealogy' rather than truly abiding in Christ?

How does the concept of 'abiding in Christ' differ from simply trying harder to be a good person or follow religious rules?

What are some practical ways we can 'plug into' Jesus as our power source, rather than trying to generate spiritual fruit on our own?

How might understanding ourselves as branches completely dependent on the vine change our approach to spiritual growth and dealing with sin?

In what areas of your life do you find it most challenging to believe and live out Jesus' statement that 'apart from me you can do nothing'?

How does the Father's role as the vine dresser impact your view of spiritual pruning or difficult seasons in your life?

What does it mean to bear fruit that has 'eternal significance or value', and how might that differ from worldly success?

How can we discern between genuine spiritual fruit and a facade of good behavior that lacks true connection to Christ?

In what ways does Jesus' invitation to 'come to me' and find rest challenge our cultural values of self-reliance and constant productivity?