I Am the True Vine
March 29, 2026
Questions for Study and Group Discussion

** Before you begin, please read John 15:1-8 as a group.

1. Icebreaker: What is your favorite food from a vegetable garden? Least favorite?

2. Briefly review the "I Am" statements we've already covered in this series. In a sentence or two, summarize what each picture adds to your understanding of Jesus.
   ● John 6:35
   ● John 8:12
   ● John 10:9
   ● John 10:11
   ● John 14:6

3. In John 15:1, Jesus calls Himself the "true vine," drawing on Old Testament symbolism where Israel was commonly referred to as a failed vine (for example, see Isaiah 5:1-7). In other words, Jesus is calling Himself the true Israel. What does it mean that Jesus is "the true Israel," and how does this add to your understanding of Him?

4. Count the number of times the word "remain" occurs in John 15:1-8. (Some translations may use the word "abide.") In your own words, what does it mean to abide or remain in Jesus?

5. Practically speaking, what helps you abide in Jesus personally?

6. Read John 15:2. What might God's pruning activity look like when He is shaping us? How should we respond to His pruning work? (Hint: Read also Romans 5:3-5; Hebrews 12:7-11).)

7. Do you have any examples of God's pruning activity in your own life? What did this look like, and how did it shape you?

8. An emphasis of John 15:1-8 is bearing fruit. According to John 15, how do we bear fruit as believers in Jesus Christ?

9. How does knowing that Jesus wants to bear fruit through you influence the way you approach the coming week?

10. Spend some time encouraging each other as a group: How have you see others in the group bear fruit (God working in them and/or through them)?

11. What other questions or comments do you have about what you've looked at in the Bible today?

12. What was your biggest take-away from the message? Why?

13. **Challenge:** Memorize John 15:5: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."