

THE TRUE VINE

JOHN 15:1-11

GETTING STARTED

• Talk about a time when Jesus gave you life somewhere! Where has following Jesus given you life recently?

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Before you begin: Open with prayer and spend a minute or two in silence before God. Have multiple people ask the Holy Spirit to enter your time together and illuminate your hearts and minds to scripture.

- Have someone read the passage in its entirety aloud. As a group, summarize
 the passage, and as you do so note any observations, questions, and exciting
 insights you found while reading through the text. What jumped out at you?
 What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?
- Let's talk about Jesus's declaration about himself. What does he mean when he says I AM the true vine. Why liken himself to a vine? Why is he the "true vine?"
- Talk about what Jesus means when he says we are the branches? What are the
 consequences of bearing fruit or not bearing fruit? What does have to say
 about our discipleship?
- What does it mean in verse 11 when Jesus says "that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete"

WRAPPING UP

- What do you think severs our connection to the vine? What makes it difficult to abide with Jesus sometimes?
- What would you say keeps you connected to Jesus?