

## Talk it Over | Week of August 4, 2013 | “I Am the Vine”

Talking through the message during the week and in the Life Group context helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These discussion points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step. If you're leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

### Opener

- Have you ever had a project that an extended amount of time to complete? What hindered you? What helped you complete it?

### Read John 15:1-8, II Timothy 3:5, I Corinthians 1:9, & Galatians 5:22-23

- Jesus is the true Vine, and the Father is the vinedresser. What is the purpose of his pruning in your life?
- A sucker is a very small branch that left alone it will take resources away from the fruit-producing branch. Discuss any “suckers” that you believe God may be wanted to prune.
- What does it mean to “abide” in Jesus? How have you experienced this? How have you found it challenging?
- What fruit has developed in your life as a result of being connected to Jesus?
- What steps can you take to become more connected to Jesus?

### Actions Steps

- Be intentional about creating space in your life to connect with the Lord.
- Try adding a new approach to your devotional life. If you only include Bible reading, add a prayer response time. If you only include prayer, trying adding a few minutes of worship and thanksgiving.
- Thank the Lord for his constant invitation to fellowship with Him and say yes to the invitation.

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