



DISCUSSION GUIDE DECEMBER 12, 2021

Dive In

Go around and let everyone answer...

How was your year?

How do you determine whether you had a bad or good year?

Dig Deep

Read Scripture: John 15:1-8

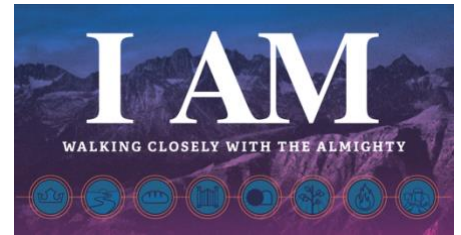
15 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

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. ⁶If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

- What do you think Jesus means when he says “Remain in me”? Practically, how do we remain in him?
- What do you think Jesus means by “bearing fruit” in this passage?
- What is something that is challenging your loyalty to Jesus?
- What can we do as a group to be more loyal to Jesus in the new year?
- How can you better love other followers of Jesus in the new year?
- How can we as a group show love to followers of Jesus in the new year?
- How will knowing and doing what we’ve talked about tonight help you in 2022?

Do Big

- What steps will you take to spend more time with Jesus this week?
- Who will you share what you learned tonight with?
- What will you do to better show love to others this week?



LEADERS

Read John 15

Background:

Just like a branch depends on a vine or tree to stay alive, we depend on Jesus for all that we need. Scripture commonly uses the analogy of trees, vines, and branches to remind us of the importance of staying connected to God (Psalm 1; Col. 2:7; Rom. 11). God is the source of life for us as His children.

Key Thoughts

You can bear no fruit apart from Jesus.

Challenge

Remaining in Jesus is more important than doing things for him. How can you change your lifestyle in order to spend more time with Jesus?

Weekly Memory Verse

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