

## **Small group Notes:** 23 August 2026

Theme: Remain in me.

- The Small Group Questions for this week are based on material from Cornwall Church; and used with grateful thanks.  
<https://www.cornwallchurch.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Small-Group-Discussion-Guide-Week-1-Spring-2026.pdf>

### **Introduction:**

In John 15:1–11, Jesus describes Himself as the true vine and His followers as the branches. Just as a branch must stay connected to the vine to live and produce fruit, our life depends on staying connected to Jesus. The central invitation of the passage is simple: “Remain in me.” When we remain in Christ —trusting Him and depending on Him—He promises that our lives will produce fruit. But Jesus also makes it clear that apart from Him we can do nothing, reminding us that spiritual growth comes from our connection to Him, not from our own effort.

### **Warm Up:**

1. If you could be any sort of animal for a day, what animal would you choose and why?
2. What is a strange or useless talent you have?

### **Questions:**

1. Read John 15:1-11 together. According to Jesus, what is the result of remaining (abiding) in Him? (v. 5)
2. For you personally, what does it look like in everyday life to remain in Jesus?
3. Jesus says that apart from Him we can do nothing (John 15:5). Why do you think it is easy for people - even Christians - to try to live life apart from Jesus?
4. The message this week listed a few ways we remain in Jesus. Remaining in His Word, Remaining in His Love, Responding with Obedience (15.10). Which of these feels most natural for you right now? Which one is the most challenging?
5. Jesus says a branch that remains in Him will bear fruit. Where have you seen evidence of spiritual growth in your life over time?
6. If someone observed your life right now, what kind of spiritual fruit might they discover?

Life Application:

The goal is life transformation, not simple discussion. Application is how we live differently because of this week's teachings and discussions.

1. What is one practical way you could stay more connected to Jesus this week?

Below are a few examples.

- Spending time in Scripture
- Prayer
- Worship
- Obedience in a specific area
- Slowing down and being aware of God's presence.

2. What is one step you could take this week to remain in Jesus more intentionally?

Closing Prayer:

Ask God to help you remain in Christ this week. Pray that your lives would bear spiritual fruit. Pray for one specific need someone in the group shared.

God bless,  
Tim.