

I am the vine.

John 15:5

He is our nutrients.

John 6:35, 7:37-38, 4:14

I need to abide.

John 15:9-10 | 2 Corinthians 5:17 | 1 John 2:5-6

Who wants to make tasty fruit?

John 15:6 | Galatians 5:22-23

- Our internal actions & eternal influence.

What do you mean nothing?!?

Where you at?

- **Accept Christ.**
- **Abide in Him.**
- **Thank Him.**

Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. If you're not in a Life Group, consider taking that Next Step and joining one today! www.seekreallife.com/groups

Share your story

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover from our time of worship together on Sunday?

Have you ever gotten sick or hurt in a way that you were totally dependent on someone else? If so, what happened?

Why can it be easier to help someone than to be helped?

Connect to God's story

Read Luke 10:38-40.

What is getting under Martha's skin?

Have you ever had a similar situation with one of your siblings not "pulling their weight"? How did you handle it?

Read Luke 10:40-42.

What was the "one thing" Jesus said is worth being concerned about?

Have you ever been so busy that you missed what was important?

How important do you think it is to "sit" with Jesus and listen to what He's telling you? What would "sitting with Jesus" look like today?

Read John 15:1-12.

As you read, circle "remain" or "abide" every time you see it. What do you see about remaining in Jesus in this passage?

What does Jesus say will happen if we remain in Him? What does remaining in Jesus look like in your life today?

What kind of worthwhile fruit does remaining in Jesus produce?
(See: Galatians 5:19-26 for further reading on the fruit that the Spirit of God will produce in your life.)

Read Ephesians 3:14-21.

Read through this passage as your prayer for your group and our church. God is able to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think!

**"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."**

- John 8:12 (NIV)

My Prayer for 2018

Father, examine me closely, deeply, and thoroughly. I am opening every aspect of my life to you. I am holding nothing back. Open my eyes to you, open my mind to you, open my heart to you that I may know you more and continue to grow into my original design you created me to be.

I confess, I am open to your revealing and transforming work in my life.

I confess, I am open to be used by you as a divine instrument of love, grace and hope wherever your Spirit leads.

I confess, I am open to be blessed by you with every spiritual, emotional and physical blessing you desire to give.

In Jesus name,
Amen

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