

IGNITION: FOLLOW UP STUDY GUIDE

STUDY 5:

**JESUS IS THE
TRUE VINE**

John 15:1-25



IGNITE: A resource for getting to know Jesus



IGNITE: A RESOURCE FOR GETTING TO KNOW JESUS

Over the next eight weeks we are going to be getting to know Jesus by reading portions of the Gospel of John.

The Gospel of John is a biography of the life of Jesus. Often, biographies start with information about someone's birth. Instead of that, John chooses to introduce Jesus by focusing on some of the more spiritual aspects of his life, rather than on his birth as a human baby on earth.

This series builds on the six **I AM statements** Jesus makes in the Gospel of John to explore how Jesus is the one that can bring security, satisfaction, community, freedom and life to those who believe in him.

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JESUS IS THE TRUE VINE

John 15:1-25

In the days before his death and resurrection, Jesus spends some time encouraging the disciples that he will continue to look after them after he returns to the Father (in heaven).

In light of his ongoing care, he now tells the disciples that they need to be obedient to all the teachings he has given them.

READ

John 15:1-25

REFLECT + RESPOND



John 15:1-17

Jesus speaks to the disciples and uses the metaphor of a vine to describe the relationship he has with those who follow him.

Who is the vine?

Who are the branches?

Who is the gardener?

What is the “fruit” that Jesus insists must be borne by his followers?

What is the central command Jesus gives?

What is Jesus referring to when he talks about laying down one’s life?



How does the love Jesus talks about differ from modern ways of thinking about love?

How do you respond to Jesus' words that "you are my friends if you do what I command"?

Why is it important that Jesus' followers obey his teachings?



John 15:18-25

When we become Christians, we publicly declare that we no longer belong to the world and its dark way of doing things, but rather we belong to Christ and walk in the light of life he offers.

What does Jesus say will be the consequence of this change of allegiance?

If this is the cost, why would anyone decide to follow Jesus?



WRAP UP

What questions do you have about what we've read this week?

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Spend a minute by yourself thinking about whether you believe that Jesus is who he claims to be. Write down your thoughts in the space below.

I BELIEVE JESUS IS...

I am not sure about...

PRAY

Finish up by closing in prayer.

