

Women of Grace 2008-2009
Come and See: Jesus Christ in the Gospel of John
Homework for Lesson Seventeen
The Vine

Your homework will help sharpen your understanding of the Bible and is a ministry to others as you share your answers in your small group. Prayerfully think through each answer with the expectation of sharing with others what God has taught you.

Read John 15
Memorize John 15:5

1. (a) Identify the following:
The Vine

The Vinedresser

The Branch

(b) Use this picture to explain the relationship that believers have with God through Christ.

2. (a) In which verses does Jesus speak about abiding in Him?

(b) How would you define the word "abide" as Jesus uses it in these verses?

3. (a) What does Jesus say about bearing fruit?

(b) How does this glorify the Father?

(c) Relate bearing fruit with being connected to the Vine.

4. Read the following Old Testament verses that describe Israel as God's vine: Psalm 80:8, Isaiah 5:1-2, and Jeremiah 2:21.

(a) What kind of fruit did God expect?

(b) What happened instead?

5. (a) What is the new relationship that Jesus Christ has with His disciples (John 15:14-15)?

(b) Why did He choose His disciples (verse 16-17)?

(c) How does this explain Jesus' promise at the end of verse 16?

6. (a) What is the relationship that the disciples will have with the world (John 15:18-20)?

(b) In what ways have you experienced persecution from being identified as a follower of Jesus Christ?

7. (a) What fruit has Jesus produced in your life? Be ready to share one of them in your group as a praise of His work in you.

(b) List several ways has He pruned you so that you can produce more fruit.

8. How can you abide in the Vine? Give specific examples of how you can obey Jesus' command in 15:4.