



# *A God Dependent Life*

## **Section 3**

March 29th

## **John 15 & 16**

NOTE: If you would like to do a modified version of this study, please complete the highlighted questions within this packet

# The Vine & The Branches

## DAY 1

### Read John 15:1-8

1. Who is the true vine and who is the Vinedresser/Gardener? What does the Vinedresser do?
2. What does the Vinedresser do to make the branches more fruitful? (verse 2) Have you ever experienced God's pruning in your life?
3. What does it mean to "abide/remain" in Jesus? What are you able to do apart from Jesus?
4. What is the evidence that you are a true disciple of Christ? (see also John 8:31 and 13:35)
5. Is it your primary goal in life to glorify God and bear much fruit for His Kingdom? What would you say is your goal in life?

## DAY 2

### Read John 15:9-17

1. Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you." What does this mean to you?
2. How does it comfort and challenge you to know that Jesus loves you so much that He laid down His life for you?
3. According to this passage, what brings complete joy in Jesus? Are you experiencing that kind of joy today?
4. How are believers to love one another?
5. What makes a person a friend of God? What OT patriarch was also called a "friend of God"?
6. What does it mean to you that you were chosen and appointed by God?
7. What does Jesus say about prayer in this section? What do you think this means?

## DAY 3

### Read John 15:18-25

1. How does the world feel about Jesus? How does the world feel about His followers? Why do you think this is?
2. How do you see Christians persecuted in our culture today? In our country or other countries?
3. Why are Christians persecuted for their faith? Verse 21
4. If a person hates Jesus, who else do they hate?
5. What does it mean to have no excuse for your sin?

## DAY 4

### Read John 15:26 - 16:1-15

1. Who is the Helper/Advocate in 15:26?
2. Where was Jesus going? (16:5 and 15)
3. Why would it be “for your good” that Jesus was going to be with the Father? (16:7)
4. How does the Holy Spirit help us personally? (16:13-15)

## DAY 5

### Read John 16:16-28

1. What did the disciples not understand? Why do you think the disciples still didn't understand what Jesus was saying? (16:18)
2. Why would the disciples' grief turn into joy?
3. What does it mean to pray in Jesus' name? When you pray, do you trust that God will answer your prayer? (16:23-24)
4. What is your reaction to the words "the Father loves you" in verse 27?
5. Where did Jesus come from and where was He going, according to verse 28?

## DAY 6

### Read John 16:29-33

1. What was the disciples' response in 29 and 30? What do you do when you are confused about something you read in the Bible or about a situation in your life? What is your first response?
2. Jesus predicted that His disciples would scatter. When did this happen? (Mark 14:50)
3. What does Jesus promise to give His children? How has Jesus overcome the world?