

# LIFE Groups: Easter to Pentecost 2025

## Week 12 - Jesus' School of Discipleship!

### Jesus - The True Vine!

The first parable found in all of Scripture is Isaiah 5; the Lord's Vineyard! Jesus draws on this rich image, embedded in Jewish culture, to illustrate our relationship with Him, with each other, and with the World.

#### 1 - A Terrible Day...

You likely remember where you were the morning of September 11, 2001 - what emotions and questions do you recall about that day? Imagine hearing about the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple in AD 70! What emotions and questions do you think Jews and Christians experienced? *(These issues are the background of our study this week...)*

#### 2 - Watch Pastor Scott's Video for Jesus' School of Discipleship - Week 12

#### 3 - Scripture reading - John chapter 15: *Jesus is the New Vine!*

#### Our relationship with Jesus as His followers:

- **First read Isaiah 5:1-7 as the context for Jesus' teaching** - *how does this passage set the stage for Jesus' conflict with the Temple leadership?*
- **Now read John 15:1-8** - The Spirit of God had dwelt in the inner chamber of the Temple, but now was alive and active in Jesus. He has transferred this Spirit into our lives! *How does the vine illustrate the Spirit's activity in us now?*
- In Verse 8, Jesus shares how we honor the Father and live as His disciples. *Why do you think Jesus chose the vine and branch image to help us understand discipleship?*

#### Our relationship with other believers as Jesus' disciples:

- **Read John 15:9-17** - Jesus shares about the flow of love from Father, to Son, to His Spirit in us! We are called to not just love God, but also love each other with the same measure! *How is that perhaps more challenging than just loving Jesus?*
- Jesus reminds the disciples that He has chosen them! *Discuss how this statement can impact the way we view ourselves, and our prayers!*

#### Our relationship with the World as Jesus' disciples:

- **Read John 15:18-27** - Jesus warns His followers of the conflict with the World and forces of darkness. He also promises "an Advocate" to guide us - His Holy Spirit! *How does this give assurance to live daily in Christ?*

#### Pray together!

- **Pray for each other, and for the Holy Spirit to work in and through us!**



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