



WEEK3

Topic: Spiritual growth happens when we remain in Jesus. Apart from Him, we can do nothing.

Takeaway: Disciples grow by abiding in Jesus, the Vine, is where identity, dependence, purpose, and mission take root.

Welcome/OpenInPrayer

Introductions: Share the topic & takeaway this week from above.

God Stories: A God Story is an undeniable encounter or experience that creates an impact or breakthrough in a person's day-to-day life.

Review from last week: Who is Jesus calling you to reach, and what's your next step with them or have you sought them out?

Review the guidelines: Share the guidelines to the group.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT | CONFIDENTIALITY | LISTEN | PAUSE | SILENCE | NO "CROSS TALK"
NO FIXING | NO RESCUING | SHARING | SELF AWARE | "I" STATEMENTS | CONFLICT**



Ask a thought-provoking question to get the group focused

What's something that only grew because you stayed consistent with it?

Share background and provide context to the Bible story.

Jesus and His disciples were gathered on the final night before His arrest.

He was preparing them for the reality that soon they would no longer walk beside Him. In that moment, He gave them a picture of what true spiritual growth looks like when He is no longer physically present.

He reminded them that growth isn't about effort or achievement but about staying connected to the source of life. He also explained that God actively shapes and refines those who belong to Him, removing what keeps them from becoming who they're meant to be. Through this teaching, Jesus pointed His followers toward a way of living marked by ongoing dependence, genuine love, and lasting joy.

He used a familiar image to show them how their relationship with Him would continue and thrive even after His departure.



SHARE THE STORY

John 15:1-13



REBUILD THE STORY



READ THE STORY



Dive Deeper
WITH DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS

- 1) What do you notice about how the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, and the disciples each play a role in producing fruit?
- 2) Where do you sense God pruning you right now is he removing something so you can grow closer to Him?
- 3) Jesus says, "Remain in my love." What helps you stay connected to His love when life feels dry or busy?
- 4) What is one action that you can do to stay attached to the Vine and show His love to someone else?

***PRAYER REQUESTS* | ASK A VOLUNTEER TO CLOSE IN PRAYER | ASSIGN NEXT WEEK'S STORY - Luke 10:1-9**
Share & record prayer requests & follow up throughout the week