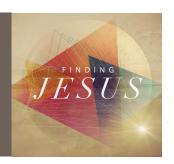
GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

May 31, 2020

FINDING JESUS
Part 3: Go and Be
John 15:1-17
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NOTES	 GROUP DISCUSSION Open with prayer. (2-5 min) Share your story Describe one of your gardening experiences (either a success or failure). (7-10 min) Read John 15:1-17. Discuss these questions with your group. (20-45 min)
	I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. (John 15:1-2)
	What is the <i>fruit</i> that Jesus is describing here?
	As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. (vs. 4-5)
	According to Pastor Chris, in what ways are the branches dependent on the vine? How does this illustration help us to understand our dependence on Jesus?
	Jesus said that apart from Him, we can do nothing. What does <i>nothing</i> include? Be specific.
	By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. (vs. 8)
	How would a friendly non-Christian describe the depth and quality of your faith (by observing your life)?

Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time, stuck with you, challenged or confused you?

What is the one important thing you will take away from this weekend's message or our life group discussion? Is there any challenge, difficulty or praise that you would like to share with the group for prayer?

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These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. (vs. 11)

What would complete and total happiness (in Christ) look like for you? What would have to change? What would stay the same?

PLAN OF ACTION

How would you describe your current situation in life? Are you in a period of waiting, dormancy, pruning, or fruit-bearing? No matter where you land, offer yourself up to God's compassionate discipline during this time in your life.