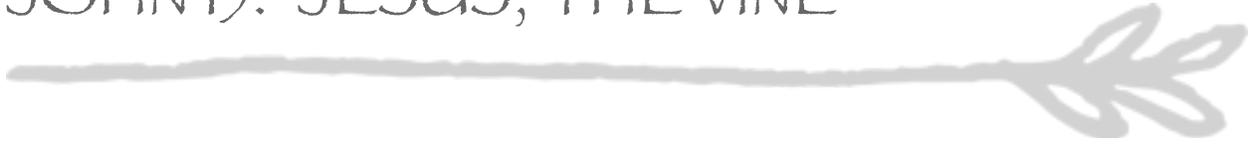


# JOHN 15: JESUS, THE VINE



*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." -John 15:5 (NIV)*

## **DAY ONE: GETTING STARTED**

*Before you start, take a moment to pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal truth and wisdom to you as you read the word of God. Take time to confess any sin that may need repentance and receive the grace the Lord has for you.*

**Read John 15:1-27 today. Record any key verses or phrases that stood out to you and why.**  
(Read it several times using different translations and/or listen to an audio version if possible.)

## **DAY TWO: THE TRUE VINE**

*Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.*

**Read John 15:1-8 today.**

1. As Jesus continues teaching His disciples in the upper room, He records His last "I Am" statement in chapter 15. What is it?
2. Who is the gardener and what does the gardener do? (**vs. 1-2**)





10. How had Jesus demonstrated His obedience to the Father and His love for His disciples? (**vs. 12-13**)  
How would He do the same in the future?

11. Why did Jesus call His disciples His friends? (**vs. 14-15**)

12. What does friendship with Jesus involve? Give an example from your own life.

13. What was the purpose for which Jesus chose His disciples? (**vs. 16**)

14. What kind of fruit does last? Clarify if the evidence of fruit is found in others or yourself?

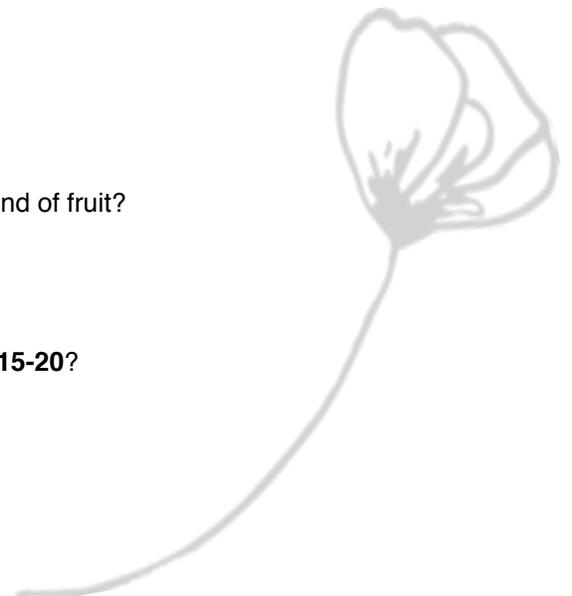
#### **DAY FOUR: LASTING FRUIT**

*Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.*

**Read John 15:9-17 today.**

15. Reviewing **John 15:16** again, God chose us to produce what kind of fruit?

16. What does Jesus say about the fruit of believers in **Matthew 7:15-20**?



17. How has the **Matthew 7:15-20** passage challenged you personally?

18. What type of “tree” do you hope people see when looking at your life? What evidence do you see in your life to support this?

19. Where there is “true fruit”, it remains. When there is man-made fruit, it will eventually disappear. Can you identify some “man-made” fruit in your past that has eventually withered as well as some enduring “true fruit”? How do they compare?

## **DAY FIVE: THE WORLD’S HATRED**

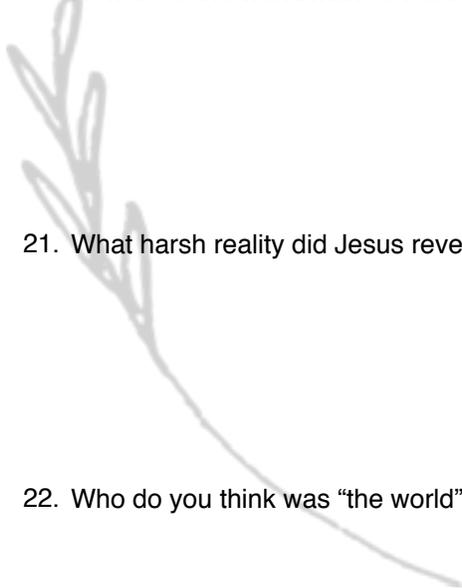
*Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.*

**Read John 15:18-27 today.**

20. How does the world make it hard for us to be Christians?

21. What harsh reality did Jesus reveal to His disciples? (**vs. 18-19**) Why is it harsh?

22. Who do you think was “the world” that Jesus referred to here?



23. The world loves those who conform to it (**vs. 19**). Give some examples of when have you see the world pressure people to conform.

24. What did Jesus' coming reveal to the world, and why might that produce hatred? (**vs. 22-25**)

25. What encouragement do you get from **verses 1-17** that might help you with your place in **verses 18-25**?

26. As you review John Chapter 15, what have you studied this week that has made an impact on your life or encouraged spiritual growth?



# TEACHING NOTES



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