

# REMAIN IN ME

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**John 15:5-8**—*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. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.*

## HOW TO REMAIN IN JESUS

### 1. Never let anything or anyone become more important than Jesus.

**Jeremiah 29:13**—*You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*

**Matthew 22:37**—*...Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.*

**Luke 14:26**—*If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple.*

**Luke 18:22-23**—*When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy.*

### 2. Continually yield to the work of the Holy Spirit in your life.

**Galatians 5:16**—*So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.*

**Galatians 5:22-23**—*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

### 3. Never lose sight of your own limitations.

**John 15:5**—*...apart from me you can do nothing.*

**Philippians 4:13**—*I can do all this through him who gives me strength.*

**Luke 5:5-6**—*Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.*

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*All verses quoted in New International Version unless otherwise noted.*

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# STUDY GUIDE: 10/20/24

Begin your group with prayer. Have one or two people share a testimony from their week. Keep it positive and reflect on the good things God has done.

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read John 15:5-6 together. Does this verse emphasize our relationship with Christ, or does it emphasize the things done for Christ? Discuss together.
2. Jesus used a powerful metaphor to emphasize the importance of our personal relationship with him. When a branch is connected to the vine there will be evidence, fruit. As Christians what kind of evidence should be visible? Read Galatians 5:22-23 and discuss. How are the passages in John 15:5-8 and Galatians alike?
3. Read John 15:7 together. What do you think it means for God's word to remain in us? Discuss. Read Psalm 1:1-3 together. How are these verses similar to John 15:7? Discuss.
4. There is an amazing promise at the end of John 7: *'Ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.'* How should we understand this in its proper context? Discuss.
5. Read Galatians 6:7-10 together. Discuss the correlation between these verses and John 15:5-8.