

Week of April 19, 2020 - Discussion Questions for Ohana Groups

Seeing Jesus | "I Am The Vine" John 15:1-8

Overview

In John 15, Jesus declares that he is the "true vine." Jesus commands us to be organically connected to the source of life, and maintain that vital connection. Fruitfulness is impossible apart from the vine, but those who remain in Jesus will bear much fruit.

ICEBREAKER

What kind of plants do you have in your home or garden? What is your favorite Hawaiian plant?

BIBLE: Read John 15:1-8

1. Who do the "gardener," "vine," and "branches" represent in this passage?
2. What does the gardener do to the branches that produce fruit in order to increase fruitfulness? What does the gardener do to the branches that fail to produce fruit? (see John 15:2,6)
3. What is the difference between a "fruitful" and "fruitless" tree? (see John 15:4)
4. The word "Remain" in John 15:4 functions grammatically as a "command" of vital importance. Why do you think Jesus commands his disciples to "remain" in him to maintain that vital connection with him?
5. What kind of promise does Jesus make for those who remain in Jesus? (see John 15:7)

APPLICATION

Now more than ever, we need to be connected to Jesus, our source of life and sustenance. To "remain" (literally "to keep/place") in Jesus means to maintain an intimate connection with him by internalizing his words and teachings in one's heart. As "branches," what are some practical ways for us to continually "remain" in Jesus and be organically connected to the vine? Make a list of tangible ways 1) You, 2) Your Family, and 3) Your Ohana Group can be connected to the vine (ex. meditation, memorization, etc.) on a continual basis.

PRAYER

1. Pray that God's Word continues to nourish your soul, sustain your heart, illuminate your mind, and empower you for God's mission.
2. Pray for God's Word to be spoken, shared, memorized, and celebrated in our homes and Ohana Groups.

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