

## ***Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further*** ***International Bible Lessons***

**John 15:1-17**

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class so they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible class.

### **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further**

**1. What does God the Gardener do with branches on the vine that bear no fruit?**

He cuts them off.

**2. What does God the Gardener do with branches on the vine that bear fruit? Why?**

He prunes them so they can be even more fruitful. So they can bear much fruit and show themselves disciples of Jesus and love as He loves.

**3. What are some of the responsibilities that branches on the vine need to fulfill?**

To bear fruit, to remain in the vine (in Jesus). To remain in Jesus' love and keep His commands.

**4. What are some of the conditions that Christians must fulfill to receive whatever they ask or wish?**

They must remain in Jesus and His words must remain in them; then, they will ask and wish according to God's will.

**5. How can someone show Jesus that they are one of His friends?**

By loving Jesus and doing what He commands.

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