

Study Guide on John 15:1-17

English Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

John 15:1-17

(John 15:1) “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

(John 15:2) 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 15:3) Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

(John 15:4) Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

(John 15:5) 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.

(John 15:6) If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

(John 15:7) If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

(John 15:8) By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

(John 15:9) As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

(John 15:10) If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

(John 15:11) These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

(John 15:12) “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

(John 15:13) Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

(John 15:14) You are my friends if you do what I command you.

(John 15:15) No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

(John 15:16) You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

(John 15:17) These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?