

CrossPoint Community Guide

No Other Name | The Vine

DINNER & DELIGHT *45 minutes*

- During dinner, share a time when you tried to change something about yourself through sheer willpower. What happened? What did you learn?

LEARN & STUDY *20 minutes*

Read together: *John 15v1-8*

- Count the times “remain” or “abide” is used in this passage. What’s the significance of this repetition?
- What does it mean for disciples to *remain* in Jesus and Jesus to *remain* in them? (also see John 6v56 and 8v31, 14v17)
- What is the invitation to remain/abide in Jesus? How might this be different than how the world says “fruit” is produced?

PRACTICE & IMPLEMENT *40 minutes*

RIGHT NOW:

- Which of CrossPoint’s 8 discipleship priorities (see last page) is most challenging for you to implement as a trellis in your life? Why?
- How do you distinguish between God's pruning work in your life and other sources of difficulty or pain you may experience?
- What things are you currently clinging to that God may be wanting to prune away so you can bear more fruit for his kingdom?

THIS WEEK:

- Each evening this week, take 5-10min to reflect on these questions:
 - How did the fruit of the Spirit show up (or not show up) in my life today?
 - Where did I see evidence of *remaining* in Jesus?
 - Father, what is one thing you want to prune in my life?

REFLECT & PRAY *15 minutes*

Pair up and pray

- What is one takeaway from your time in community today?
- Pray to experience the reality that *only when we remain in Jesus can he produce in us the fruit we lack.*

 **NEXT WEEK:** *John 10v7-9*

Discipleship Priorities

1 Life as Prayer: We are a people who practice prayer as a lifestyle, both individually and corporately.

2 Guided by the Scriptures: We order our lives from the truth in God's Word, teaching and building up the body of Christ with God-given wisdom.

3 Empowered by the Holy Spirit: God's Spirit redeems, sanctifies, and heals the whole person empowering his people for effective gospel ministry in the world.

4 Relational Living: We are made for relationships and experience transformation through the context of community in the family God is building as we gather in formative environments and engage in spiritual practices and the sacraments of baptism and communion.

5 Sacrificial Generosity: Since God is the abundant owner of all things, we live as generous stewards to reflect the goodness of God.

6 Committed Service: We serve one another, our neighbors, and the nations because we see ourselves as Jesus saw himself, a servant of all.

7 Driven in Mission: With boldness and confidence through the power of the Holy Spirit, we join God's work of renewal by living as witnesses of the gospel through love and acts of justice, sharing and demonstrating the saving grace of Jesus as we make disciples.

8 Intentional Multiplication: As we apprentice to Jesus, we make disciples who build the kingdom of God through developing and sending leaders throughout our church family and beyond while investing in future church multiplication in our region and in the nations.