

## REMAIN

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### Introduction

1. What it \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Where it \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Why it's \_\_\_\_\_.
4. How to \_\_\_\_\_ it.

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

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- 1 . Do you enjoy gardening? Why or why not?
- 2 . Read John 15:1-17 and circle every use of the word remain. Look up remain in a thesaurus (or Google it) and list its synonyms. What do these synonyms teach us about a relationship with Jesus?
- 3 . Circle the word *if* in verses 5, 6, and 7. Why is this such an important word here?
- 4 . Read Ephesians 2:1-10. What is our condition before Christ? Circle all the references to in Christ or with Christ in the second half of this passage. How does a person go from being outside of Christ to being in/with Christ?
- 5 . Read Romans 11:17, 18. What analogy does Paul use in these verses to describe becoming a Christian? What does this analogy teach us?
- 6 . Reread John 15:4, 5. Why is remaining in the Vine essential? When Jesus says that apart from him we can do nothing— what does he mean by nothing?
- 7 . What is the key to remaining in Christ in v.7? What are some ways to ensure that Jesus' words are remaining in us?
- 8 . What is the condition for remaining in the Vine in v.10? How does Jesus serve as our role model in this regard? Give several examples of biblical commands that you need to work on.
- 9 . What is the specific command Jesus focuses on in vv. 12, 17 to illustrate the importance of obedience? Why do you think Jesus chose this command to make his point? How might loving others contribute to our remaining in the Vine?
10. What spiritual practice does Jesus mention in both v.7 and v.16? How could this help you remain in the Vine? Summarize what you have learned from this study about remaining in Christ.