



BIKER BIBLE GROUP (BBG) AGENDA

TOPIC: John 15

BEFORE YOU ATTEND THE NEXT BIKER BIBLE GROUP (BBG) MEETING ...

Pray: For your group leaders and for others in your BBG. Also remember to pray for the ministry team at the Biker Bible Institute.

Read: John 15

Focus: On the story of the Vine and the branches (John 15:1-17):

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. **2** He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes[a] so that it will be even more fruitful. **3** You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. **4** Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. **6** If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. **7** If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **8** This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

9 “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. **10** If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. **11** I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. **12** My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. **13** Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. **14** You are my friends if you do what I command. **15** I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. **16** You did not choose me,

but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. **17**
This is my command: Love each other.

Review: The Supporting Scripture passages below:

- [Isa 5:1, NIV] I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.
- [Mark 4:19, NIV] but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.
- [Mal 3:2-3, NIV] But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness
- [Ezek 15:1-5, NIV] ¹ Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ² "Son of man, how is the wood of the vine *better* than any wood of a branch which is among the trees of the forest? ³ "Can wood be taken from it to make anything, or can *men* take a peg from it on which to hang any vessel? ⁴ "If it has been put into the fire for fuel, *and* the fire has consumed both of its ends and its middle part has been charred, is it *then* useful for anything? ⁵ "Behold, while it is intact, it is not made into anything. How much less, when the fire has consumed it and it is charred, can it still be made into anything!
- [1 Cor 9:20, NIV] To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law though not being myself under the Law, so that I might win those who are under the Law
- [Ps 25:14, NIV] The secret of the LORD is for those who fear Him, and He will make them know His covenant.

Reflect: Each Support Scripture passage was selected because it connects to something that is going on in the Focal (Focus) Scripture passage. Reflect on possible connections and pray about deeper meanings for this special story.

AT THE BBG MEETING ...

Social: Start with fellowship. If possible, set aside 30-60 minutes for a meal together or heavy snacks in someone's home. Enjoy being friends together!

Pray: Open together with prayer. Remember to pray for needs in your community.

Read: The Focal Scripture (John 15:15).

Talk: Talk about the Focal Scripture.

- What was going on? What are the key points of the story?
- Did anything stand out in this passage?
- What would someone remember after reading it?

Talk: About the questions for this session.

Observation

- What is (are) the central thought(s) in John 15?
- Are there any words or ideas that keep coming up in the passage?
- Who is (are) the main characters in the passage?

Interpretation

- What do you think this Scripture passage meant to the early church?
- What was the writer trying to tell the world about Jesus?
- Are there any eternal truths for us in this passage? Explain.

Application

- How might this passage apply to us today?
- Does this passage speak to any needs or problems in modern society?
- Is there any part of this passage we could turn into a prayer?

Reflect: Standard Discipleship Questions: "Based on what we read and talked about..."

- "What should I start doing in my life?"
- "What should I stop doing in my life?"
- "What should I change in my life?"

Look: Ahead to the next BBG session (John 16).

Pray: For each other, your community and your leaders, the BBI ministry team, and the peace of Jerusalem.

AFTER THE BBG MEETING ...

Act: On your insights from the “Discipleship Questions.” Pray about ways you might start, stop, or change doing something in your life. Ask the Holy Spirit for help.

Invite: Someone new to your next BBG group.

And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who ride (*walk*) on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it. (Isa 35:8, NIV)

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