

I AM: The One Who Builds Your Belonging  
October 4, 2020

### **Read**

Read John 15:1 – 17.

### **Discuss**

- Have you ever tried to grow a plant? What was that like?
- Read John 15:1 – 17 together as a group. What stands out to you? What questions do you have about the text?
- The original imagery of the vine was meant to represent Israel, whose mission was to spread Yahweh's kingdom throughout the world by showing His love and redemption to others. What does it look like for you to accept the mission of Israel in your life?
- Consider the things in your life that need pruning. What things influence you more than Jesus does? What steps can you take to prune or reduce the influence of these distractions; and how can your life group or others in your life help you do this?
- What is your perception of how God feels about you? How do you feel knowing that Jesus wants to be your friend?
- What's one thing you can put into practice this week to continue to move towards Jesus and connect with Him?

### **Pray**

Spend some time in individual prayer confessing the other "vines" in your life.

As a group, pray that you would be able to strengthen your connection with Christ, even amid this season's disconnections, and that you each might bear lasting fruit in the different areas of your lives.

### **Next Steps**

1. Set aside time every day this week to read the Bible. If you're already working through a reading plan, great! If not, check out our website for a plan that works best for you.
2. We're not meant to be lonely branches! Check in with each other throughout the week and share prayer requests.