

## Hope: Thankfully Growing

November 27, 2016

### Small Group Questions

\*You do NOT have to answer or discuss every question. Feel free to just pick a few. These are meant to guide you in truth. If you are having trouble answering a question, ask your small group leader to help you. They are committed to helping you develop as an authentic follower of Christ.

#### The COMMUNITY:

1. List one thing that you are thankful to God for this time of year.

#### Into the WORD/APPLICATION:

Here are some suggested sites in order to dive deeper into God's Word: [blueletterbible.org](http://blueletterbible.org), [desiringgod.org/articles/all](http://desiringgod.org/articles/all), [biblos.com](http://biblos.com), [ccel.org](http://ccel.org), [logos.com](http://logos.com), [connect.ligonier.org](http://connect.ligonier.org), [thegospelcoalition.org/channel/bible-and-theology](http://thegospelcoalition.org/channel/bible-and-theology).

1. Read John 15:1-8.

A. Why does Jesus describe himself as the "true vine"? (passages to consider; Ps. 80:8-16; Jer. 2:21)

B. What does John mean in verse 2?

C. Why must we abide in Christ?

D. What are some practical ways that you can abide in Christ as a believer?

2. Discuss the following Spiritual Disciplines and how you incorporate them into your life:

A. Bible Reading (questions to consider: what are you reading? What are you learning? What are you applying?)

B. Prayer (questions to consider: what do you pray for when you pray? Does your prayer life seem dry at times? What can be done to prevent that?)

C. Sunday Morning Worship (why is this important?)

D. Small Group (why is this important? What is the purpose of a small group?)

E. Scripture Memorization (do you memorize Scripture? Do you think it is important? Why or why not?)

F. Any other Spiritual Disciplines that you practice that haven't been discussed?

