

*Women & More*

***Grapes on the Vine***

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We *grapes* had better be on the *Vine*, or we're dead in the water!

"The most crucial way we abide in Jesus is daily Bible study and relational prayer."

Greg Frizzell

"A little thorn may cause much suffering.  
A little cloud may hide the sun.  
Little foxes spoil the vines, and  
little sins do mischief to the tender heart.

...Jesus will not walk with His people **unless** they drive out every known sin."

Charles Spurgeon

**Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:**

**Genesis 2:15** (man's very first vocation)

**Genesis 3:23** (after sin, this vocation would not cooperate with us)

**Song of Songs 2:15**

**John 15:1** "*I am the **true** vine, and my Father is the gardener.*"

**John 15:4-5**

**1 John 2:24**

**Scripture to Memorize:**

**Deuteronomy 22:9** (crop management) "*Do not plant two kinds of seed in your vineyard; if you do, not only the crops you plant but also the fruit of the vineyard will be defiled.*"

**NOTES on Speaking Session:**

**Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:**

**1. On the front side of this worksheet we have John 15:1** “*I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.*” Notice that by Jesus proclaiming that **He is the true vine**, He suggests that there will be ‘false’ vines. Name two things that people could attach themselves to—minus Jesus—which would constitute ‘false’ vines: Example: Works.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_

**2. God has no grandchildren!** After recovering from the initial shock of that statement, and careful thought, do you agree or disagree with it, and explain why?

agree      disagree      **Explain:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**3. Read through John 15:5-10.** How many times in these 6 verses does the word **remain** (or abide/abideth) appear?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_ times.

“If we would live with Christ, and walk with Christ, and see Christ,  
and have fellowship with Christ,  
take heed of ‘the little foxes that spoil the vines,  
for our vines have tender grapes.’”

**Charles Spurgeon**

**Recommended Reading:**

*Mere Christianity*, C. S. Lewis  
*Our Sufficiency In Christ*, John MacArthur, Jr.

*Get to Know the 'Vine'—*

*Abide With Me*

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
 The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:  
 When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
 Help of the helpless, O abide with me!

Hold Thou Thy word before my closing eyes;  
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:  
 Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee—  
 In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

H. F. Lyte

Jesus from **A** to **Z**:

- ABIDING *VINE*—John 15:4
- BRIDEGROOM—Ephesians 5:32
- CREATOR—Colossians 1:16
- DEITY—John 10:30
- EVERLASTING—John 3:16
- FAITHFUL FRIEND—1 Corinthians 1:9
- GOOD SHEPHERD—John 10:11
- HIDING PLACE—Psalm 32:7
- IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD—1 Corinthians 1:15
- JOY UNSPEAKABLE—1 Peter 1:8
- KING OF KINGS—1 Timothy 6:15
- LORD OF GLORY—1 Corinthians 2:8
- MEDIATOR—Hebrews 2:17
- NEVER-ENDING LOVE—Jeremiah 31:3
- OMNIPOTENT—Revelation 19:6
- PRINCE OF PEACE—Isaiah 9:6
- QUIETER OF FEARS—Proverbs 1:33
- ROCK OF SALVATION—1 Corinthians 10:4
- SACRIFICIAL LAMB—John 1:29
- THE WAY, THE TRUTH and THE LIFE—John 14:6
- UNDERSTANDING GUIDE—**Proverbs 3:5-6**
- VICTORIOUS WARRIOR—1 John 5:4
- WORD OF LIFE—1 John 1:1
- (E)XALTED NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES—Philippians 2:9
- YOUR ONLY HOPE—Ephesians 2:12
- ZION'S MESSIAH—Isaiah 55:11

*From the Old Testament to the New,*

*His desire is that we know Him!*

**Old Testament:**

Genesis	—Breath of Life
Exodus	—Passover Lamb
Leviticus	—High Priest
Numbers	—Fire by Night
Deuteronomy	—Israel's Guide
Joshua	—Salvation's Choice
Judges	—Israel's Guard
Ruth	—Kinsman Redeemer
1 Samuel	—Trusted Prophet
2 Samuel; 1 and 2 Kings	—Sovereign
1 and 2 Chronicles; Ezra	—True and Faithful Scribe
Nehemiah	—Re-builder of Walls and Lives
Esther	—Courage
Job	—Timeless Redeemer
Psalms	—Morning Song
Proverbs	—Wisdom
Ecclesiastes	—Time and Season
Song of Songs	—Lover
Isaiah	—Prince of Peace
Jeremiah	—Weeping Prophet
Lamentations	—Cry for Israel
Ezekiel	—Call from Sin
Daniel	—Fourth Man in the Fire
Hosea	—Forever Faithful
Joel	—Spirit's Power
Amos	—Strong Arm that Carries
Obadiah	—Lord and Savior
Jonah	—Great Missionary
Micah	—Promise of Peace
Nahum	—Strength and Shield
Habakkuk	—Brings Revival
Zephaniah and Haggai	—Restores That Which is Lost
Zechariah	—Fountain
Malachi	—Son of Righteousness, Rising with Healing in His Hands

**New Testament:**

Matthew	—King <i>Whose</i> Coming
Mark	—God and Messiah
Luke; John, and Acts	—Son of God Rising with the Fire of Heaven in His Hands
Romans	—Grace of God
1 Corinthians	—Power of Love
2 Corinthians; Galatians	—Freedom from Curse of Sin
Ephesians	—Glorious Treasure
Philippians	—Servant's Heart
Colossians	—God; the Trinity
1 Thessalonians	—Calling King
2 Thessalonians and 1 Tim	—Mediator and Faithful Pastor
2 Tim, Titus, Phil and Heb	—Everlasting Courage
James	—One <i>Who</i> Heals the Sick
1 Peter	—Faithful Shepherd
2 Peter and 1 John	—Lover Coming for His Bride
2 and 3 John, Jude and Rev	—King of Kings; Lord of Lords; Prince of Peace; Son of Man; Lamb of God; Great I Am; Alpha and Omega; God our Savior, and

*He is Jesus Christ the Lord — the All-sufficient One —*

# EL Shaddai!