



**The True Vine**  
**(John 15)**  
*Questions: Week Fifteen*

**The Vine and the Branches - [John 15:1-17](#)**

Topics: [Failure](#), [Faithfulness](#), [Fellowship](#), [Friendship](#), [Fruit](#), [Glory](#), [God](#),  
[Jesus Christ](#), [Joy](#), [Love](#), [Relationships](#), [Rewards](#), [Work](#)

**Open It**

1. What are the marks of a true friendship?
2. \*What do you do to maintain your friendships?

**Explore It**

3. How are Jesus and the Father related? ([15:1](#))
4. What is Jesus and who is the Father? ([15:1](#))
5. How does the gardener tend to the branches that bear fruit and the branches that do not? ([15:2](#))
6. What did Jesus say the branches must do in order to bear fruit? ([15:4](#))
7. Who are the branches? ([15:5](#))
8. What did Jesus say would happen to the branches that did not remain in Him? ([15:6](#))
9. What privilege was given to the branches that remained in the vine? ([15:7](#))
10. What would be demonstrated by the disciples' bearing much fruit? ([15:8](#))
11. \*What did Jesus urge His disciples to do? ([15:9](#))
12. How were Jesus' disciples to remain in His love? ([15:10](#))
13. Why did Jesus talk with His disciples about vines and branches? ([15:11](#))
14. What command did Jesus give His disciples? ([15:12](#))
15. \*What is the greatest manifestation of love? ([15:13](#))
16. Who did Jesus say were His friends? ([15:14](#))

17. \*Why did Jesus call His disciples friends? ([15:15](#))

18. Why did Jesus choose His disciples? ([15:16](#))

19. What was Jesus' command? ([15:17](#))

## **Get It**

20. How are we to remain in Jesus? Why?

21. What does it mean to bear fruit as a Christian?

22. How are we to bear fruit?

23. \*When is it difficult to develop and maintain a personal relationship with Jesus?

24. In what way has God been removing "dead" or useless pieces from your character?

25. In what way is your joy complete?

26. When do you struggle with loving others the way Jesus has loved you?

27. \*What kind of friend are you to Jesus?

28. Why is it hard to be Jesus' friend?

## **Apply It**

29. What steps can you take to develop a more intimate relationship with Christ?

30. \*How can you be a better friend to Jesus beginning today?

# The World Hates the Disciples - [John 15:18-16:4](#)

Topics: [Christianity](#), [God](#), [Guilt](#), [Hatred](#), [Holy Spirit](#), [Jesus Christ](#), [Love](#), [Miracles](#), [Obedience](#), [Persecution](#), [Sin](#), [Truth](#), [Unbelievers](#), [Witnessing](#), [World](#)

## Open It

1. \*What are some things that you hate or dislike?
2. Why are some non-Christians antagonistic toward Christianity?
3. What causes people to hate each other?

## Explore It

4. \*What did Jesus want His disciples to keep in mind? ([15:18](#))
5. Whom does the world love? ([15:19](#))
6. Why does the world hate Jesus' disciples? ([15:19](#))
7. What did Jesus want His disciples to remember? ([15:20](#))
8. What difference does it make that the world does not know God? ([15:21](#))
9. Why do the people of the world have no excuse for their sin? ([15:22](#))
10. What is the significance of hating Jesus? ([15:23](#))
11. What has made the world fully accountable for its sin? ([15:24](#))
12. \*What did the world's hatred fulfill? ([15:25](#))
13. What would the Counselor do when He came? ([15:26](#))
14. Why did Jesus say that His disciples must testify about Him? ([15:27](#))
15. For what reason did Jesus tell the disciples these things? ([16:1,4](#))
16. \*What was going to happen to the disciples for following Christ? ([16:2-3](#))

## **Get It**

17. What is "the world"?
18. \*If you were one of Jesus' twelve disciples, how would you have responded to His warning about the world's hatred?
19. \*How does the world today hate the followers of Jesus?
20. When have you experienced the hatred of the world?
21. How does the world today display its hatred for Jesus and God?
22. How has God chosen you out of the world?
23. How and when do you still feel a part of the world?
24. Who is "the Counselor"?
25. How does the Holy Spirit testify about Jesus to the world?
26. How are you a testimony for Jesus?

## **Apply It**

27. How can you be a testimony for Jesus today? To whom?
28. \*How should you adjust your expectations of being accepted by non-Christians?