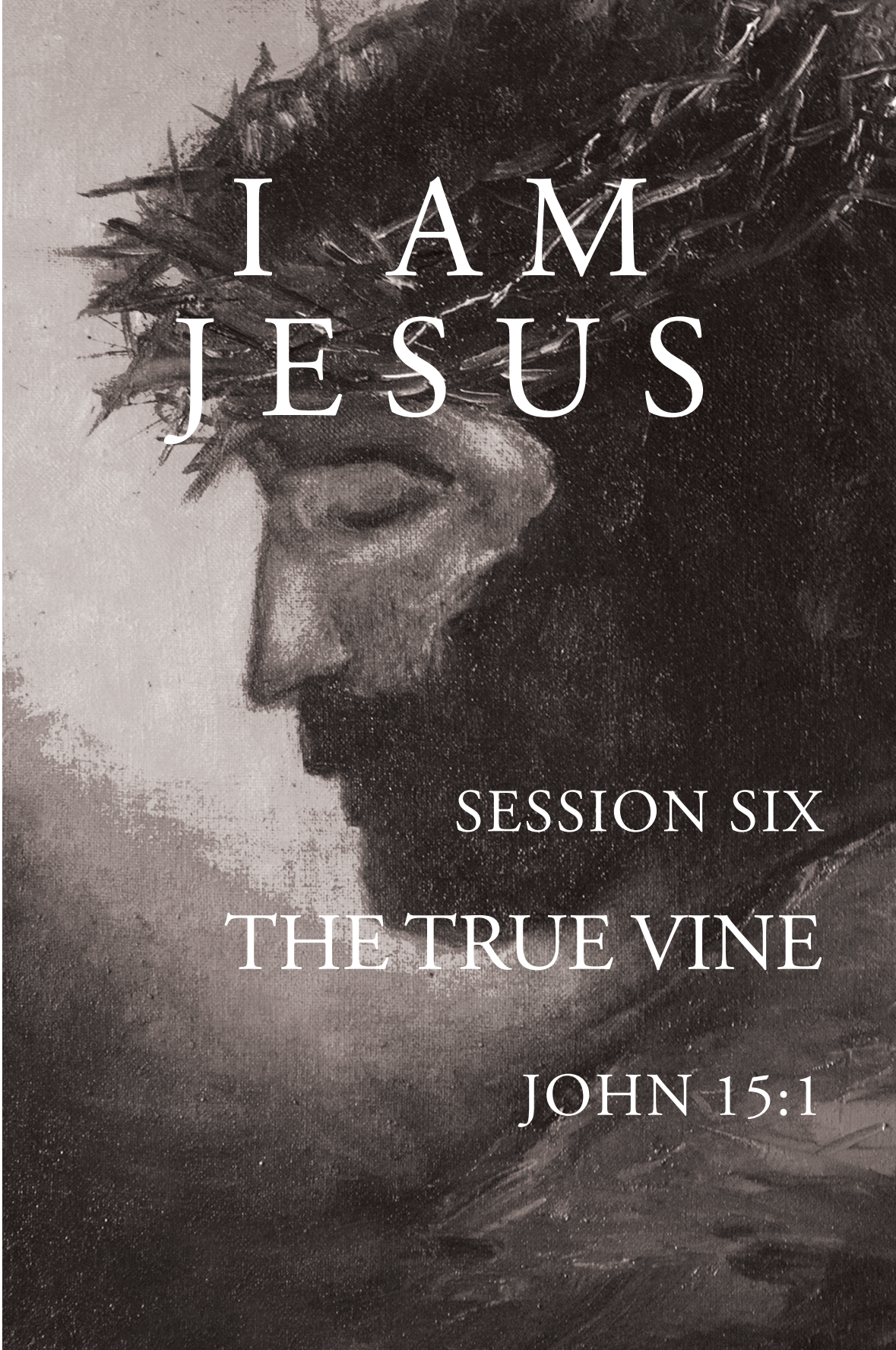


# I AM JESUS

## SESSION SIX

## THE TRUE VINE

JOHN 15:1

# CONNECT

**During each session, we will begin with a few questions to help you connect with and get to know one another. Please take a few minutes and answer at least one of the following questions:**





- Explain how you have a green or a brown thumb.

- What is your favorite juice and why?

# DVD SESSION

**This study is designed to be used with an accompanying video teaching. Please play DVD Session Six. Use the space below for notes, questions, or comments you want to bring up in the discussion.**



## GROW

**In the following section, you will explore Bible passages and take part in discussions to help expand your knowledge on the topic of this session. If time is a concern, please choose just a few of the questions to answer and discuss in your group.**

Today we are going to talk about being connected with God. Take a couple of minutes to discuss what everyone thought about the video lesson with Kyle Welch.

Read John 15:1-7

1 What are the four components of the metaphor that Jesus uses in these verses? Write a definition of what those four components mean. How do each of the components work with and affect one another?

2 How does this metaphor help us to better understand fruit bearing in the kingdom of God?



3 What are some things that hinder us from connecting to the vine?



Read Galatians 5:16-21

4 What are some activities of people not connected to the vine? Share how you have experienced this unconnected life. How does your unconnected life compare to your now connected life?

Read Matthew 7:16-20 and Galatians 5:22-23

5 According to these passages, what are some of the aspects of a life that is connected to God?

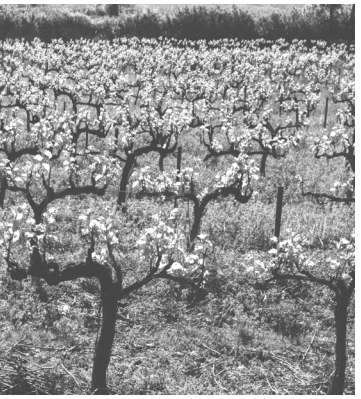
*A man's greatest misery is to be without God – that is, to have no inward connection to the One who is life and existence itself.*

*–Augustine*

6 How are these descriptions of a life connected to God, so much different than a life that is disconnected from God?

Read James 2:14-26

7 According to this passage, if a believer is truly connected to the vine, what sort of “fruit” manifests in their life?





8 Describe how any deed done in love is greater than simply doing a nice thing or an obligatory service.

Read 1 Corinthians 13:13 and 1 John 4:7-21

9 According to these passages, why would a person connected to God, have love evident in their life?

10 What are some steps you can take to be more connected to God? How would being more connected to other believers help you in this process?



## Deeper Study

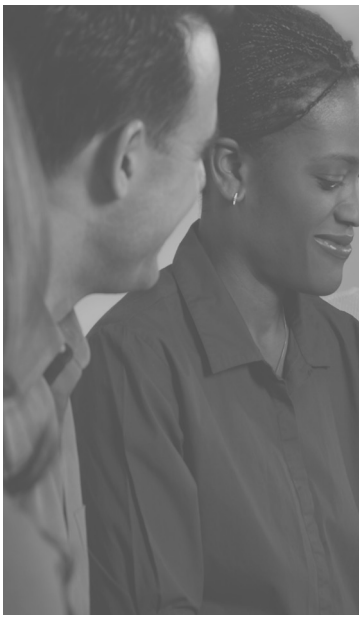
Read Deuteronomy 6:5 and Matthew 22:37-40

11 What is the greatest commandment that God has given us?



Read John 15:9-17

12 Why do you think God would ask us to show love to each other? How does the evidence of God's love in our lives make us more obedient to Him?



Read 1 John 4:16

13 What characteristic of God is the catalyst for His greatest commandment to us?

Read John 13:34-35

14 According to this passage, how are we to share Jesus? What is one way that you can show the love of God this week with someone that you know?

# IMPACT

**One of the core principles in Life Groups is to have an impact on the community around us. In the following section, we have given you some ideas of how you can have an impact in the community both as a group and individually. Please go through and discuss how you can impact the community around you with the gospel.**



- Partner with us to make an IMPACT for Christ! **30cities.com**

As part of the 30 Cities Initiative, Shepherd Church is partnering with Children's Hunger fund to fight hunger in three major metropolitan cities this year: Los Angeles, Lima, and Manila.



Children's Hunger Fund is providing Food Paks, designed to feed a family of four for about a week. Each Food Pak contains about 48 meals, at a cost of $0.25 per meal. The goal is to fill one storage container with 2,000 Food Paks for each city. For only $12 per box you can bless a family in need!

We want to encourage your group to be involved with making our world a better place to live. To directly IMPACT the city of Los Angeles:

Online Purchases – available now at **30cities.com**
Packing Food Boxes – April 7 and 8

Different projects are scheduled for the cities of Lima and Manila in the coming months. Look for future announcements in services and during the next Life Group series. We would love to have you be a partner with us in making a global IMPACT for Christ!

For complete details on how to partner with us in this or future projects, please visit **30cities.com**

- It is our desire to see the members of our Life Groups serve in their communities. Serving in your community is a way for you and your Life Group to be a light in your neighborhood. It is often noted, "Preach always, and if necessary, use words." The point is that we are walking witnesses of our relationship with Jesus as we become His hands and feet to the world.

On our website, **lifegroups.org/impact**, there are the names, contact information, and descriptions of organizations you can partner with. These outreach suggestions have a large range of ideas for serving in different areas of the city. Feel free to be creative. If you come up with an idea not listed, please contact us so we can share ideas and help you bring your Community Impact Project to life.

On **page 75** you will find the **Community Impact Project Worksheet.** This worksheet will help you organize your project and ensure it gets done. Have fun as you go out to be a blessing to others!

**Please take some time to end your group in prayer. You may use the Prayer and Praise Report on the following page as you pray and close your session for this week.**



# PRAYER AND PRAISE REPORT

This is a place where you can write each other's prayer requests, and make a note when God answers prayer. Pray for each other's requests out loud together as a group. If you're new to group prayer, it's okay to pray silently.

**Prayer Requests:**



**Praise Reports:**

*An infinite God can give all of himself to each of his children. He does not distribute himself that each may have part, but to each one He gives all of Himself as fully as if there were no others.*

*–A.W. Tozer*