



OVERFLOW

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We are continuing in our Overflow series focusing on the Holy Spirit! Last week in lifegroup we looked at a passage from John 14 where Jesus explained how he was sending Holy Spirit to his followers. This week we'll continue on to John 15. This is the passage about the vine and the branches, which is a very popular passage. This passage, though, is not typically interpreted in light of what has just come before in chapter 14. So as we read through it this week, let's consider what this passage might mean from the starting point that Jesus has just told his disciples that he is sending them Holy Spirit, who will live with them and be in them.

VISION: Explain the purpose of lifegroup.

FAMILY TIME:

- Introduction Question: What's the best advice you've ever received (or received lately)?
- Share praise reports and prayer requests.
- Looking Back Question: How have you encountered Holy Spirit this last week?

DISCUSSION: JOHN 15.1-8

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Discussion Prompts:

- What stands out to me from this passage?
- What do I learn about people?
- What do I learn about Jesus?

- What do I learn about Holy Spirit? (Although Holy Spirit isn't explicitly mentioned, keep in mind that Jesus has just told his disciples he's sending them Holy Spirit to live with them and be in them)
- What does it mean to remain in Holy Spirit?

PRACTICAL EQUIPPING:

Remaining in Holy Spirit is an intentional choice that requires us to create space in our schedules in order to actually do so. The hope through this series is to encourage us to pursue and encounter Holy Spirit on our own, even outside of Sundays and lifegroup nights. So let's get real practical:

- When can I schedule time this week to remain in Holy Spirit? That is, let's pull out our phones and actually block out time in our calendars!
- Our there things I can cut out or forgo from my daily schedule in order to make more time to pursue Holy Spirit?
- Close by praying for each other to engage Holy Spirit in deep ways this week!