

TREES OF LIFE

GO FURTHER | APRIL 3 | CHRIST, THE TRUE VINE

START TALKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- DO YOU LOVE PRANKS ON APRIL FOOL'S DAY? WHY OR WHY NOT?

START THINKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- Read John 15:1-4. What words or phrases stand out to you?
- What are we in this passage: gardeners, fruit or vines?
- What does the gardener do with the branches?
- What kind of fruit should be produced by us branches? See Galatians 5:22-23
- What practices help us to remain in Jesus?

START SHARING | CHOOSE A QUESTION TO CREATE OPENNESS.

- Read John 15:5-8. What words or phrases stand out to you?
- How much fruit do we produce if we remain in Jesus?
- What happens if we do not remain?
- How do we interpret this passage about prayer, where anything is asked is granted to us?
- Our passions become Jesus' passions and Jesus works through us to make those reality in the world and in our lives.

START PRAYING | BE BOLD AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Father God, we thank you for giving us Jesus so we can be close to you. Help us to remain in community, be open to pruning and develop a private worship and prayer life to stay connected to Jesus. In all that we do, may we produce the fruit you desire so people be attracted to you by the way that we live. In your Son's resurrected name we pray together, Amen.

START DOING | COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- For more on Jesus as the Vine, check out this 7-day reading plan: <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/29025-intimacy-with-jesus-staying-connected-to-the-vine>