



Life Group
Discussion
Guide
Week 1
9/7/25

Message Summary: The sermon emphasizes the importance of staying connected to Jesus, the "true vine," to live a fruitful and meaningful life. It reflects on historical moments, particularly the 1980s, highlighting the rise of individualism and materialism, which continue to challenge unity and connection today. Pastor Greg urges the congregation to resist these cultural trends by remaining united in Christ and using their individual gifts for the greater good of the church and God's kingdom. The sermon also reflects on the church's history and its journey through various locations, emphasizing that the true purpose is not about physical spaces but about fulfilling God's mission. The message calls for transformation through the renewing presence of Jesus and encourages the congregation to focus on eternal values rather than temporary worldly pursuits.

Conversation Starter: Share your favorite memories of the 1980's!

Prayer:

Open our hearts to Your word, Your truth, and Your direction.

Read the passage together:

Romans 12

3-Question Study Method

Use this method to discuss the passage

1. What is the passage about?
2. What lesson do I learn?
3. How will I apply this to my life?

Discussion Questions:

- How do you personally stay connected to Jesus in your daily life? What practices help you maintain this connection?
- What are some practical ways we can foster unity within our church community, especially in a culture that promotes individualism?
- Reflecting on the 1980s, what lessons can we learn from that era about the dangers of materialism and individualism? How do you see the influence of individualism and materialism in today's society? How can we, as Christians, counteract these influences?
- According to Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12, we all have unique gifts. How can you use your gifts to contribute to the unity and mission of the church?
- How does viewing history from an eternal perspective, as God does, change the way you live your life today?
- What does it mean to be transformed by the renewing of your mind, as Paul suggests? How can this transformation impact your daily decisions?
- How do you see our church community making a meaningful impact in addressing issues like world hunger and poverty, as seen in the 1980s with "We Are the World"?
- The sermon mentioned upcoming changes in the church's physical space. How do you typically respond to change, and how can you ensure your response aligns with being connected to the true vine?
- How can we cultivate a deeper dependence on God in our personal and communal prayer life, recognizing that apart from Him, we can do nothing?

Closing Prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank You for the reminder that apart from You, we can do nothing. Help us to remain steadfastly connected to You, drawing strength and wisdom from Your presence in our lives. Lord, we ask for Your guidance as we navigate a world that often pulls us towards individualism and materialism. Teach us to seek unity within our church and community, using our unique gifts to serve Your kingdom and bring glory to Your name. Transform our minds and hearts, renewing us daily with Your Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.