



## discussion guide #2

# John 15.1-17 the true vine

(This discussion guide is designed to be used **BEFORE** listening to the Bible talk to help in your preparation for Sunday. You can download the talk from [alburychurch.org.au](http://alburychurch.org.au))

**If you are using this study in a growth group PLEASE love your leader & the other members of your group by PREPARING before you gather.**

*In this short 4 week teaching series we'll be thinking through the mission statement of APC- growing followers of Jesus.*

*Why do you think that it is sometimes more attractive to us to "work for the church" rather than to "follow Jesus"?*

### ►Read Psalm 80.7-19

1. What is the vine that the psalmist sings of?
2. What has happened to the vine?
3. What went wrong with the vine (v18)?
4. What is the psalmist's hope for the vine?

### ►Read John 15.1-8

5. What is the importance of Jesus being "the true vine"?
6. What do these verses tell us about how God's purpose for his vine is going to be achieved?

7. What are the challenges of these verses?

8. What are the comforts of these verses?

► **Read John 15.9-17**

9. How do these verses help us to understand what it means to remain in Jesus?

10. What do you think Jesus means to "bear much fruit"?

*Often when we think about church growth we think in terms of numbers of people, amount of activity, numbers of services, bank balance etc. How does this teaching of Jesus confront that sort of thinking?*

*What implications does Jesus' teaching have for you here & now? Be practical & specific.*

► **prayer**

***Give thanks to God, that Jesus is the true vine. Ask for his help to remain in Jesus & to bear much fruit.***