

## Vine and Branches

Jesus used analogies to make his point with his disciples, the Pharisee, the Sadducees and the Apostles. In John chapter 15, verse 5, Jesus compares himself to being a vine and his followers to being branches. Of course, we realize that Jesus is not actually a vine, he is a man and the Son of God. But his example gives the listener a comparison between something they know very well from everyday life and exactly how he desires for them to behave.

We know that branches get their nourishment from the vine in order to bear fruit. Likewise, we get our energy from Christ to share the Gospel and this will bear fruit. The fruit will be those who believe that Jesus is the Lord and the only way to eternal life is through him.

### Question Time:

1. Is Jesus really a vine?
2. Who are the branches?
3. How do we bear fruit?

### Scripture: John 15:5 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> “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.

### Matthew 28:18-20 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

**Next Steps:** Look around your neighborhood, once you can go out safely, and find vines that have branches that bear fruit.