

## House Group and Individual Study | The “I am” sayings of Jesus

### Week 8: Fruitful life? I am the true vine

*John 15:1-11 \* (Isaiah 5:1-7; 1 John 1:5-10)*

#### 1. Swedish bible study method

Begin by praying, asking God to speak through his word. Read each of the Bible passages above. It might help to read them slowly aloud. While reading, be on the lookout for three things:



Something that ‘shines’ from the passage—whatever impacts most, or draws attention.



Anything that is difficult to understand in the text, or a question you would like to ask the writer of the passage or the Lord.



Personal application for your life - what have I learned, what will I do about it?

#### 2. Additional questions to help you think:

(i) How do we ‘remain in’ Jesus? What sort of things weaken or strengthen our bond with him?

(ii) What in our lives is the equivalent of the fruit that the vine bears? How fruitful would you say you are?

(iii) Have you experienced anything that could be described as pruning recently? What have you learnt from the experience? Have you seen more ‘fruit’ as a result?

(iv) Does v.7 mean that Jesus answers all our prayer requests?

(v) Think of areas of your life that you would like God to prune. Ask him to help you to bear more fruit.