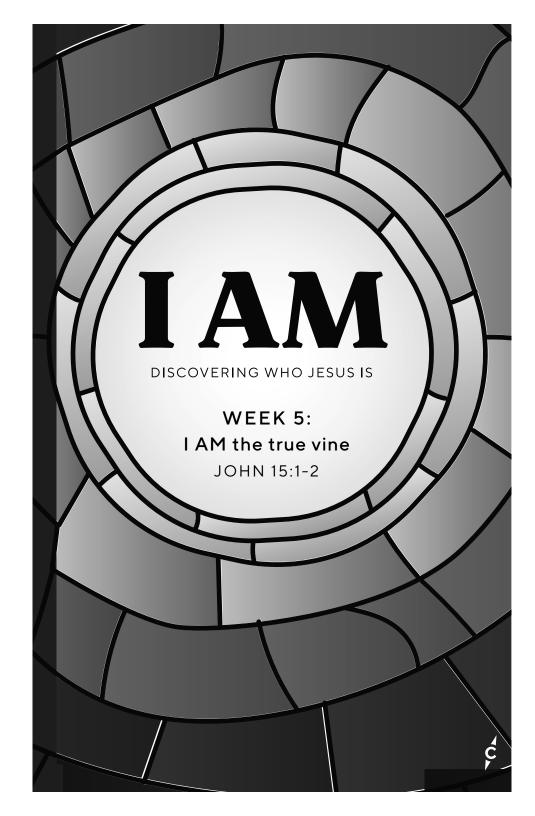
## NOTES & QUOTES



# **CONNECT** (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

- 1. Would you consider yourself to have a "green thumb"? Explain.
- 2. If your life was a garden, what would one flower be from this past week, and what would one weed be?
- 3. What is one thing you think God might be "growing" in your life currently?

## THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

- 4. Read John 6:35; 8:12; 10:9 & 11; 11:25; and 14:6. When Jesus refers to himself as a "vine" what do you think he is communicating?
- 5. Read John 15:2. What do you think this metaphor means in the life of a follower of Jesus?
- 6. Read Psalm 80:8-16 and Isaiah 5:1-7. When the vine is talked about in the Old Testament, what is it a reference to?

7. Read John 15:4. Discuss the ways that one might "remain" in Jesus.

### **COMMIT** (BE ON MISSION)

- 8. Identify one area of your life that could use some pruning. How might God be doing that work in you?
- 9. What are three things you can pursue this week that might help you "remain" in Christ?
- 10. Take some time this week with your group or individually to pray through John 15:1-4.

#### **PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful." JOHN 15:1-2