

# NEW WINE

*Jesus, The Vine*

SEASON 8 EP. 9

## *Group Questions*

1. What struck you from this week's episode?
2. Read John 15 together. What word or phrase speaks to you on how God desires for you to abide in and be dependent on him?
3. Heather shared about times that she felt like she had to be the vine—the life source, the provider, and security, for her branches—her people, family, and community. Have you ever felt like you had to be the vine? How have you experienced the freedom of dependence by surrendering these people and circumstances back to the Lord?
4. Michelle reminded us 'new wine isn't quick.' What is one fruit in your life that has required time and patience to fully mature? What is one area that you are still waiting for maturation?

## *Lectio Divina*

"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." - John 15:5

## *Journal Questions*

1. What is an area you may be resisting the crushing or where you are settling for 'old stale grape juice' when God is wanting to create new wine out of you?
2. Reflect on how you have seen fruitfulness when allowing God to crush you and create something good and sweet.
3. Take some time to reflect on questions posed by Michelle and Heather: Is my heart growing colder or warmer towards others? Am I moody or constantly in a bad mood? Do I get fixated on offenses or am I willing to overlook most? Are the fruits of the Holy Spirit active and visible in my life?
4. We never know when change is around the corner, when breakthrough is about to happen, when the promise is about to come to fruition. Where is God inviting you to lean into the vine and trust in his promise?

## *Quote to Ponder*

"To be living branches in the vineyard of the Church means above all to be in living communion with Christ the vine. The branches are not self-sufficient; they are totally dependent on the vine. In the vine is the source of their life."  
- Pope John Paul II

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