

Group Discussion:

CONNECT RELATIONALLY (roughly 25% of your meeting time)

- Share Highs & Lows from the week / Share prayer needs & practice prayer together / Split into sub-groups (e.g. men / women) to share
- (Ice breaker question) *What have been your favorite things about the home you live in (or a previous one if it really felt like home)? What are the top three things for you that make a house a home?*

GROW SPIRITUALLY (roughly 50% of your meeting time)

- *As a group read John 15:1-11.*
- *What stood out to you as the text was read? Why?*
- *Does picturing God as a Master Gardener bring you peace, or does it create anxiety in you? Explain.*
- *Why is it so important for us as branches to remain connected to Jesus as The True Vine? Why is He in the center of this word picture?*
- *What does the word "Abide" suggest to you? What does it really look like to Abide in Christ?*
- *How can you translate the message of Abiding in Christ to someone far from God in your life? What incentives do you see that someone who doesn't know Jesus might be drawn to?*
- *Can you identify and share one singular next step that you need to move towards to practice ongoing abiding in Christ? Spend time in prayer for one another over these steps.*

LIVE MISSIONALLY (roughly 25% of your meeting time)

- Scriptural reminder of God's missional heart – John 15:17-19
- Ask for any stories of BLESS steps that have happened recently. Celebrate anything shared.
- Ask people to update their FRANCES list of people that may be far from God. Who has God brought back up on your minds & hearts recently? Where do you see new potential opportunities?
- Ask people to consider and commit to 1-3 practical BLESS steps that they might accomplish in the upcoming season (week / month). What do you plan to do? How / when will you ensure it happens?
- Pray over specific names or steps that were shared.