

## **In Christ**

### **Lesson 2 — Student Guide**

**Prepare for class:** Read John 15:1-16a

#### **Lesson Goal**

The goal of this lesson is to answer the following question: **How are we disciples in Christ?**

#### **Think**

#### **Evaluate**

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. What are the objects in this story?
3. Where did this story happen?
4. When did this story happen?
5. What is the problem?
6. What events occurred in this story?
7. Is the problem solved?

#### **Learn**

8. What is the main theme of this lesson?
9. What sin does this lesson teach us to confess?
10. Where do you see the love of God in this lesson?
11. What does God teach us to do in this lesson?

#### **Lead**

12. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

#### **Additional questions**

13. Imagine that you found a dry, dead branch on the ground. Can it decide to jump into the air, attach itself to a strong plant, start growing, and bear fruit?
14. Now read the first half of verse 16. What can people not decide to do on their own? But what good news in that verse gives us confidence that we are disciples of Christ?
15. Just as branches that are connected to a strong vine grow fruit, so we disciples are connected to the powerful Savior and will bear fruit in our lives. See verses 9 and 12 to find two of these fruits.

16. All good things, including any fruits of faith we might grow, start in one place. Read verse 9 to find out where they begin.
17. As “branches” of the Savior, we need something to connect us to Christ, and God has provided that connection. Read Romans 10:17. What is the only way faith comes to a person’s heart?
18. Read Romans 6:11-14 that tells about being alive in Christ through faith. Look at verse 11. Since we are alive in Christ, what do we turn from (or what are we “dead” to)? g. Look at verses 13 and 14. God has rescued us from sin and its punishment and has given us new life in Christ. How does that change our lives?
19. Read Galatians 5:22 and 23 to find out more fruits of faith we can grow as disciples who love the Savior.
20. This reading from the book of John took place a short time before enemies took Jesus as their prisoner and put him to death on a cross. Jesus knew that his disciples would see this happen, be afraid, and run away to hide, leaving Jesus alone. How are we disciples of today like the disciples who were with Jesus when he lived on earth?
21. But even though the disciples would do this to Jesus, they would still be his disciples because Jesus had chosen them to believe in him and follow him. Why is that good news for us disciples of Jesus?

**Lesson wrap-up**

**How are we disciples in Christ?**