

## ANNOUNCE

*Take a moment to read through the announcements below as a group. Encourage group members to share the information with others throughout the week.*

- **Reminder:** This will be the last discussion guide prepared for 2018. They will be available again when groups relaunch in the spring. If your group is still meeting for the winter and you would like help selecting curriculum please contact Kent Phillips - [kphillips@mgchurch.org](mailto:kphillips@mgchurch.org)
- **Giving Tree** is going on now through Dec. 2nd. There are several ways to get involved. Stop by the table in the lobby on Sunday Mornings to find out more
- There will be a **Happy Birthday Jesus** party for preschoolers and their families on Saturday Dec. 8th from 10:00 - 11:30am. For more information and to register visit [mgchurch.org/preschool](http://mgchurch.org/preschool).

## DISCUSS

*Use the prompts below to inspire and encourage discussion with one another.*

- Sunday was the end of the "Doxa" sermon series. What have you learned about God's glory during the past few weeks?
- Read John 15:1-8. What is the main thought that Jesus conveys? What especially stood out to you from BJ's message?
- Jesus claimed to be the true vine, said His Father is the gardener (or vine dresser), and indicated that we are the branches. In this metaphor (word picture), what is expected of the vine...the gardener...the branches?
- Read the following (divide between group members) and notice what each passage teaches us about bearing fruit: Matthew 3:8; Romans 6:22; Romans 7:4; Ephesians 5:8-9; Philippians 1:21-24; Colossians 1:3-6. When we combine those passages with John 15, what level of importance do you think God is assigning to the bearing of fruit.
- How can you bear fruit in the church? How can you bear fruit in the community? How can you bear fruit to those closest to you?

## PRAY

*Take a few moments to pray through the prompts below. Encourage a different person to pray for each item.*

- Pray for your group, that its members would bear fruit that brings glory to God.
- Pray for Mt. Gilead, that we would reflect the glory through our generosity towards one another and the community.
- Pray for the lost in our community, that God's glory would be made known to them.