



REPLENISHED – Attachment Matters

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This Study Guide provides a summarised study with additional discussion questions based on the scriptures mentioned in the sermon.

Connect:

1. What does the word 'replenished' mean to you?
2. What is the opposite of replenished?
3. Now a more challenging question; what are you attached too?

Engage:

4. Read [John 15:5-8](#)
 - This is not a parable but a metaphor (a way of describing something by saying it is something else) "I am the true vine..."
 - A vine is a living growing object, it's purpose to produce fruit.
 - **TRUE DISCIPLES** produce much fruit (discipleship, ministry, serving)
5. What kinds of fruit should a follower of Christ produce?
6. Explore [verse 5](#). "apart from me you can do nothing!" What does this mean?
7. When are prayers answered?
 - When we are attached to Christ
 - When His words are in us (His word) - we know what to pray for.
8. How do you become 'attached'?

My Thinking	Phil 4:8 Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honourable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable.
My Trust	Prov. 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.
My Actions	Col 3:17 And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.
My Expectations	Psalm 39:7 And so, Lord, where do I put my hope? My only hope is in you.

9. Is another attachment distracting you? (Wrong attachments actively pull you away from Christ - "sin.")

10. How would you describe what sin is?
11. What do people tend to attach themselves to?
12. What leads to this situation?
13. What can we do to reconnect with Jesus?
14. What is our primary attachment?
 - Not attached to a building
 - Not attached to a club / social group
 - Relationship to Jesus himself

Replenishment: "...It's knowing, 'what do I need?' to stay connected to the vine and then making sure I'm doing that. Anytime I unplug...I become more vulnerable."

Craig Groeschel

15. How do we unplug ourselves from the vine?
16. What can we do to make sure we are plugged in?

Framework:

17. Read [John 15:1-4](#)
18. Why is pruning significant?
19. The Father Prunes us ALL (it's about potential, not punishment)
 - a. Cuts off branches with no fruit
 - b. Prunes fruitful branches, to produce more
 - c. What's left is more important than what's cut away
 - d. What's left is where the growth and fruitfulness will come from!!
20. What has God Pruned out of your life? (Don't try and reattach it... It's gone for a reason!)

"Parable" comes from two Greek roots:

para ("beside") + ***ballō*** ("throw").

Lit... **"to place alongside."**

'Parable' adjective is only used in the Synoptic Gospels (Matt, Mark, Luke)

"A parable is an ingeniously simple word picture illuminating a profound spiritual lesson."

John MacArthur

➤ In His teaching, Jesus used parables often (approximately 1/3rd) and to great effect.

21. Why use Parables?

- **To Communicate a Truth but Avoid Arguments or traps** – Read [Luke 11:53-54](#)
- **To Give Insight to the Spiritually Hungry** – Read [Matthew 13:9](#) (middle of Parable about scattered seed/soil)

- **To Separate those Not willing to Learn** (Made people Choose) – Read [Matthew 13:10-11](#)
 - **To Make People Think and Grow Spiritually** – Read [Matthew 13:12](#)
 - **To Fulfil Prophecy** – Read [Matthew 13:13](#)
22. Read and discuss [Matthew 9:16-17](#)
23. What old habits or behaviours do you need to remove from your life?
24. What in your old nature needs to change to enable you to carry new things from God?

Conclusion:

Attachment Matters! Are you fully attached to God's source?

God wants to REPLENISH everyone of US – to carry His New Wine – the sparkle and dynamic move of His spirit in us, through Christ.