

The True Vine – John 15:1-17

Jesus is the vine and His disciples are the branches. Every branch is either cut away or pruned. (15:1-3)

Jesus is the vine and His disciples are the branches. We must abide in Jesus if we are to bear much fruit and so prove to be His disciples. (15:4-11)

Jesus is the vine and His disciples are the branches. We prove to be Jesus' disciples and friends when we obey His commandment to love one another. (15:12-17)

Questions for Discussion & Application

1. What was surprising, confusing, or helpful from this passage?
2. What is the significance of Jesus calling Himself the “true vine” and His disciples the “branches”?
3. How have you experienced the truthfulness of verse 5 where Jesus says, “apart from me you can do nothing”?
4. What does it mean to “abide” in Jesus? What does this abiding look like in your life?
5. What two things does the vinedresser do to the branches in order to ensure maximum fruit? How have you experienced God's pruning in your own life?
6. How is Christ growing in you a greater love for others?

Memory Verse: John 15:5

Read for Next Sunday: John 15:18-16:15