



John 15:1 – “I am the true vine.” (Read John 15:1-17)

- ❖ What does Jesus as the Vine and you as the branch mean to you? **Ask people to share....**
- ❖ What do think Jesus is declaring to us in John 15? **Jesus is giving us the core principle of discipleship. To remain in His love, remain in his word, and remain in Him. To understand that we are created to do His work but that only can happen through Him and to Him. Whenever we try to go off on our own we will fail to bear fruit of any value to God. Jesus teaches that we must be connected to him and his word through trust and obedience and love.**
- ❖ What is the connection between Jesus and the Father? **Jesus is the branch. We must all be connected to Him. The Father is the Gardener and He prunes and shapes us when we are connected to the branch so that we might bear fruit. When something (sin or pursuits) are hindering our ability to bear fruit God will prune them back so that we might bear fruit. Jesus has a connection to the Father and we have a connection to Jesus which connects us to the Father as well. When we are in Christ, Christ is in us.**
- ❖ What do you think Jesus means when He says we will bear fruit? **I believe fruit bearing is to show ourselves as Disciples of Christ. By our love they will know we follow Him (John 13:34-35). It is through Jesus (The Holy Spirit) remaining in us that we are transformed into His likeness and begin to bear spiritual fruit. Don't get me wrong, fruit bearing may indeed be things we do like witnessing and bringing someone to the Lord but I believe fruit bearing is primarily a change of our character as seen in Galatians 5:22 (Spiritual Fruit)**
- ❖ Read Galatians 5:22: What does this say about fruit? **Reading Galatians 5:22 and knowing Jesus is talking about bearing fruit through Him, it tells me that if I remain in Christ and in His Words my life will begin to bear fruit that is eternal from God which includes: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control.**
- ❖ What is the condition of fruit bearing? **Remaining in Christ and obedience to his word and letting Him produce the fruit in my life.**
- ❖ How do you remain in the Vine, Jesus Christ? **Ask people to share thoughts: Trust, Meditating on the Word, prayer, worship, daily time with God, confessing and repenting of sin, seeking His presence daily.**
- ❖ What have you discovered in this study of Jesus, The Great I Am? How will that help you in your walk with God? **Ask people to share anything they have discovered through the past eight weeks as we have studied the “I AM” statements. Hopefully people more firmly know the Jesus is LORD (YAHWEH) the Great I AM.**

Daily Reading Plan through the Gospel of John

- Day 1 – Memory Verse: John 15:1
- Day 2 – John 20:1-9
- Day 3 – John 20:10-18
- Day 4 – John 20:19-23
- Day 5 – John 20:24-30
- Day 6 – John 21:1-14
- Day 7 – John 21:15-25