

# SERMON OUTLINE John 15:1-11

I Am the True Vine - Part 2

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## **REVIEW**

## **DISCIPLES AS BRANCHES**

1. *Fruitless branches are cut off (2, 6).*
2. *Fruitful branches are pruned for greater fruitfulness (2).*
3. *All who are in Jesus have received the Word of Jesus (3).*
4. *All who are in Jesus have been made clean by the Word of Jesus (3).*
5. *True followers of Jesus abide in Jesus, and Jesus abides in us (4).*

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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## MAIN POINT

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The big idea of this passage is that the Christian life is about abiding in Jesus in such a way that His mind, heart, and actions flow freely out of us, and all according to the superintending grace of God. The main takeaway is to read God's Word in order to know what it means to abide in Jesus, and then to strive with the Spirit's help to fully abide in Him, and all so that we might do good works for the glory of God.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. What has your experience been with Palm Sunday? Was celebrating it a part of your childhood? Is it encouraging to you now?
3. How would you explain the main message of John 15:1-11 in your own words?
4. How would you describe your experience with reading the Bible? What about it is most challenging and rewarding? What has helped you most to understand it? What has helped you most to treasure it? What has helped you most to apply it?
5. Which aspect of Bible reading would you like to grow in? Consistently, comprehensively, thoughtfully, prayerfully, practically?
6. What do you think of Jesus' ability to cleanse of sin? Do you feel like you've been made clean?
7. Had you ever thought of abiding in Jesus? Would you describe yourself as abiding in Jesus? Are there any areas of your life in which it is easier to abide in Jesus than others?
8. Pastor Dave mentioned five aspects of abiding in Jesus. Did any of them stand out to you? Why?
9. Is there anything you are abiding in besides Jesus?
10. Which of five blessings of being united to Jesus that we've considered so far is most appealing to you?
11. In what ways did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

## AREAS OF APPLICATION

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12. What is one thing you have done or intend to do differently as a result of this text/sermon?
13. Start a Bible reading plan today. Help someone else start a Bible reading plan today. Help your kids read the Bible.
14. Share the gospel with someone in order that they might be cleaned by Jesus' words.
15. Carve out an hour this week to meditate on the blessings of being united with Jesus that we've already considered.
16. Name two areas of your life in which you are struggling to abide in Jesus. Find someone to help you in those areas.
17. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and (2) How you can pray for them.
18. Ask God to show you one specific thing you ought to do differently as a result of this text or sermon? Share that and pray about it with someone in your DG. Continue praying for and checking in with each other until you've both done it.

## PRAYER POINTS

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19. Adoration. Praise God for being the Vinedresser and the True Vine. Praise God for being the Superintendent of all things. Praise God for being righteous, wise, and sovereign. Praise God for being life for all who believe.
20. Confess. Confess any ways you have made a bigger deal about the things of earth than Jesus' death and resurrection. Confess any ways in which you've neglected your Bible or failed to trust in Jesus' cleansing work. Confess the sin of abiding in anything other than Jesus.
21. Thanksgiving. Thank God for giving you His word, for cleansing you by faith in Jesus, for uniting you with Jesus and allowing you to abide in Him. Thank God for a church that is filled with people who want to help you in your faith.
22. Supplication. Ask God to give us a love for His Word, thankfulness for His grace, and an eagerness to abide in Jesus.