

SERMON OUTLINE John 15:1-11

I Am the True Vine - Part 3

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).*
6. *By abiding in Jesus, and He in us, we can bear good fruit (4).*

7. *Those who abide in Jesus will bear much good fruit (5).*

8. *Apart from Jesus we can do nothing (5).*

CONCLUSION

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

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. It is my earnest prayer that the Holy Spirit would be pleased to use this sermon to cause everyone to either come to, or come to a greater depth of, belief in, amazement at, and whole-life orientation toward the resurrection. Please pray that God would make it so; and more still.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. What was Easter like for you as a child? What kinds of things did you do as a family? Why did you do those things?
3. If a non-Christian neighbor were to ask you what Easter is all about, what would you say? What passage would you share?
4. Why do you think Pastor Dave called Easter the pinnacle of the Church calendar? What does that mean?
5. Had you ever thought of the blessings of John 15:1-11 as resurrection blessings? In what way are they?
6. Have you ever met a non-Christian who seemed like a really good person or did something that seemed really good? What does this passage teach about that?
7. What kind of good fruit has Jesus born in you (both naturally and through your hard work in faith)?
8. Is there any area of your life that you would describe as bearing much fruit through Jesus?
9. On a scale of 1-10, how much awareness do you have on a normal day of your total dependence on Jesus? What does it look like when you are aware of it? What is one way you wish you were more aware?
10. What's at stake for those who are not united to Jesus, according to v.6? Do you live differently because of that?
11. Does it seem possible that being crucified could be the best thing that could happen to you?
12. How excited are you for the fullness of joy that Jesus promised to those who are united to Him?
13. In what ways did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

14. What is one thing you have done or intend to do differently as a result of this text/sermon?
15. Tell someone about Jesus, the resurrected savior and king.
16. Create something (song, poem, drawing, painting, sculpture, story) to depict the glory of the resurrection.
17. Add some specific component to your Easter celebration that intentionally celebrates Jesus' victory over death.
18. Pick one good fruit to strive for this week.
19. Prayer and fasting are the two most significant expressions of our dependence on Jesus. Pray and fast this week.
20. 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.
21. 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

22. Adoration. Praise God for being lord of life, for being resurrection power and glory, and for being patient and gracious..
23. Confess. Confess any ways you have chosen not to abide in Jesus, live in light of the resurrection, or bear good fruit.
24. Thanksgiving. Thank God for uniting you to Jesus, giving you life, blessing you with much good fruit, and promising full joy.
25. Supplication. Ask God to save someone in your life, help someone bear good fruit, and live in greater dependence on God.