

Message Notes

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I AM: A Lent Study in the Gospel of John
The True Vine (John 15:1-8)
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- Jesus is _____ to be the _____ of Israel's _____.

I AM the true vine, and My Father is the gardener. John 15:1

The Purpose of Our Lives

- Our _____ is to _____ for God's _____ . (Jn 15:8)
- The _____ of being a _____ of Jesus is bearing _____.
- *Fruit:* an _____ or _____ that _____ God. (Gal 5:22-23; Mt 25:40)
- ① We bear _____ fruit when our _____ looks more like Jesus.
- ② We bear _____ fruit when we _____ more like _____.

Bearing Fruit

He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. John 15:2

- ① He _____ things _____ us from _____ fruit. (Mt 18:8)
- To bear fruit, we must _____ off _____ in our _____. (Col 3:5; Rom 6:12)
- God may use _____ or _____ to get our attention.
- Genuine _____ can _____ us to the _____. (Rom 2:4)
- ② He _____ areas in our lives that _____ more _____.
- Often He _____ what _____ us from _____ abundance.
- ③ He _____ us to _____ in Him. (Jn 15:4-7; 1 Jn 3:9)

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. John 15:5

- *Abide:* to _____ constantly _____ to the _____ of life.

- The Christian life is _____ about _____ harder, it's about _____.
- Our only " _____ " is to remain _____ to Jesus. (Mt 11:28)
- This comes by _____ aside _____ to _____ at His _____. (Lk 10:39)

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:41-42

- What God wants _____ for us is to _____ our _____ w/Him.
- Will I _____ the " _____ " thing & _____ my _____?

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