Series: "JESUS IS…"
Part 5: "THE VINE"
Crossroads Community Church
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1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 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. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. John 15:1-6 (NIV)

The imagery….

- **God the Father is the _____**
- **Jesus is the _____**
- **Jesus' followers are the _____**
- **The purpose of the branches is to _____**

Sermon in a sentence….

- **Keep the _____ thing the _____ thing in your lives!**

3 things we can do to increase our dependence on Jesus….

1. **Acknowledge how badly you _____ Him**

4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:4-5 (NIV)

2. **Prioritize getting to _____ Him more**

7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.
John 15:7-8 (NIV)

3. **Commit to _____ him wholeheartedly**

9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. John 15:9-11 (NIV)

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