



Talk it Over

PASTOR DAVE EPHESIANS - THE COMMUNITY-WORK – 11/16/25

KEY SCRIPTURE

John 15:1–5 (NASB95)

1 “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

4 “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.
5 “I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

Ephesians 6:5-9

5 Slaves,
be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh,
with fear and trembling,
in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ;
6 not by way of eyeservice,
as men-pleasers,
but as slaves of Christ,
doing the will of God
from the heart.

7 With good will render service,
as to the Lord,
and not to men,
8 knowing that whatever good thing each one does,
this he will receive back from the Lord,
whether slave or free.

9 **And masters, do the same things to them,**
and give up threatening,
knowing that both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

START TALKING

What was your favorite Thanksgiving memory? and why?
What are your plans for Thanksgiving?

START DISCUSSING

THIS IS WHAT JESUS LOOKS LIKE

Read John 15:1, 4-5

Pastor Dave said that Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. Just as a grape vine produces grapes, the Jesus-vine produces Jesus-fruit in the lives of believers who abide in him. In other words, the “fruit” is that our lives begin to look more and more like him. The Fruit of the Spirit is what Jesus-fruit looks like, the Deeds of the Flesh is what I look like “me-fruit” (Galatians 5:19-23). In any situation, I can examine my actions or reactions and see if they look like me (DOF) or Jesus (FOS).

Take some time to read Galatians 5:19-23 and ensure that everyone understands the principle.

The typical excuse we offer for our behavior is either an appeal to our human nature (What did you expect?) or that asking me to act like Jesus is unfair (Jesus is God and I am not). This is precisely the point: the Jesus-response is the fruit of our relationship with Jesus; it is not natural, it is supernatural.

Take some time to discuss the importance of not making excuses

THE REASON THIS IS IMPORTANT IS THAT NOW IN EPHESIANS 6:5-9, WE ARE INSTRUCTED IN WHAT JESUS LOOKS LIKE IN THE WORKPLACE.

THE WORKER

Read Ephesians 6:4-8

The verses in the left column are broken into words or phrases.
[The bold is only to assist in seeing each phrase.]

Take time to talk through each and discuss its meaning.

Does this phrase demonstrate a Christ-response that is different than a natural response?

THE PERSON IN CHARGE

Read Ephesians 6:9

Pastor Lyle said that as a child grows up, they are instructed to honor their parents. This command to “honor” is used of honoring all people, but then the instruction is given to honor the king, parents, wife, and God.

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