



LOVE.JESUS.SIMPLE. – The DNA of Mosaic

Community Group Study Guide John 15:1-17 – Week of August 28, 2022

### 1. Values (Who?) Love, Jesus, Simple

Jesus states that He is the true vine, and that His Father is the vinedresser. He reminds us how important it is that we abide in Him, that the Father prune us, and that we bear fruit for the Glory of God. None of us can naturally abide in the vine because all of us are sinners. This is why we need forgiveness and grace found in the redeeming work of Jesus, that we might be brought back into the vine. This is the Gospel, that through the grace of God, we have been saved and restored to the Lord through His Son, Jesus. At Mosaic, we focus on the Gospel, as it is the story of God's love for us. We emphasize the **Love** of God (Great Commandment, Great Commission, Great Compassion), which is exemplified in **Jesus**. As a church, we then attempt to keep things **Simple**. We do this by challenging one another to be pruned and to bear much fruit. The temptation is to get sidetracked with so many different things we could focus on. At Mosaic, we want to keep the essentials essential,

### 2. Mission (What?)

Abiding in Christ is not a passive process. We are called to abide in Christ while actively pursuing all that God has called us to. This mission is focused on lovingly serving God and others. This is how we glorify the Lord and bear fruit. We do this not because we are under compulsion, but because we are motivated by the love and joy of God. A few areas of emphasis are: time spent with God, efforts developing your spiritual strengths, and bearing the fruit of the spirit.

### 3. Values (Who?)

We do everything because we love God, we love those who love God, and we love those who do not yet love God. As an organization, we do not just exist for the members of the Church. Our love for God, and love for each other is one of the ways that non-believers will know that we are Jesus's disciples.

## DISCUSSION GOALS

### Head

It is the love of God that has saved us through the work of Christ Jesus. As a Church, our entire existence is wrapped around the love of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. These are the cornerstone principals of who we are.

### Heart

We are commanded to abide in Christ, to be pruned by God, and to bear fruit.

### Hands

To abide, we are called to obedience. To be obedient, we must love God and love others.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Preaching & Prayer Night**  
Sunday, Sept 4 @ 5 PM

**Members' Meeting**  
Sunday, Sept 11 @ 1 PM

**Membership 101 Class**  
Sunday, Sept 18 @ 1 PM

## Read John 15:1-17

1. Boston often challenges us to love our neighbor. How do we encourage our hearts to obedience, despite all the challenges? What strategies have you employed to increase your love for your neighbor?
2. **Read Verse 2.** What are the differences between the branches? What does it mean/look like to bear fruit? How are we pruned?
3. Christianity is not a hobby or a pastime, but a full-time commitment. How has your understanding about the commitment and seriousness of your faith changed over time? What has convicted you to grow in your commitment to God?
4. **Read Galatians 5:22-23.** If you were to choose an area in which you need to bear more of the fruit of the Spirit, what would it be? If you have a strength with a particular attribute, what encouragement would you give to help someone develop in that area?
5. **Read John 13:34-35.** How do we show love for one another to the world? Why is this love for one another such a powerful testimony?
6. How do we abide in Christ? What does “abide” mean and what does it require?
7. Think about your time spent at Mosaic, what is a way that you have grown in your love for Jesus, love for those who love Jesus, or love for those who do not yet love Jesus? What scripture or messages have spurred that growth onward?