

I AM The True Vine

I AM Series

Discussion Questions

- **What are some reasons people give for thinking they will go to heaven? Why is “being religious” so highly valued by many as a ground for their salvation?**
- **If church is such a good thing (and it is), how can it be dangerous?**
- **Read John 15:1-8.**
 - In v. 1, knowing that the vine often represented Old Testament Israel, what is Jesus now saying about himself?
 - How is Jesus the better “people of God” compared to ancient Israel?
- **Read John 15:2-3 again.**
 - In the rest of John 15 how are fruit defined?
 - What does this say about spiritual fruitlessness?
 - Why would Jesus make such a confident statement about salvation and its effect on us?
- **Read John 15:4-8 once again.**
 - What does it look like to abide in Jesus?
 - Why is this “abiding” not only a mark of salvation but how salvation works its way out in the life of someone’s life?
 - How can we best abide in Jesus?
 - Personally?
 - Corporally?
- **What stands out to you most about Jesus’ words about himself being the True Vine?**
 - How can we best apply these words today?
- **Which of the gospel identities (citizen, family, missionary) does this message most intersect? Why?**