

Amazing (Sustaining Grace) Sermon 5 – Pastor Kevin November 6-, 2022

MAIN SCRIPTURE: John 15:1-5

15 "I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. ³ You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. ⁵ "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

WARM-UP

• What thoughts, feelings, or impressions do you have about the sermon this week?

(Below you will find the main points of this week's sermon along with discussion questions. Feel free to use, reword, or omit questions depending on the needs of your group and the time needed for prayer, care, and fellowship. Thank you for your leadership.)

Thought #1 – Let's start with confessing our need for God to enable us to live the life He calls us to live!

<u>Verses:</u> John 14:26, John 16:13-15, Ephesians 3:14-17

 As we begin our discussion on the sustaining grace of God, what people have

- helped or sustained you the most in your life?
- In what ways has God sustained you?
- In what ways does the Holy Spirit typically challenge you or how is He challenging you now?
- What things does the Holy Spirit typically remind you about or what is He reminding you of now?
- What is the Holy Spirit teaching you these days? What has he taught you in the past?
- In what ways does the Holy Spirit empower you? How is He empowering you now?

Thought #2 – How do I stay on course and in positions to be led by His Spirit?

Verses: John 15:1-5, John 15:4a

- God desires real and true relationship rather than good performance. Why do you think this is the case? What would be wrong if our relationship with God was performative (behavior modification), rather than one that was real and authentic?
- Is it easy for you to be authentic with others? Why or why not?
- Is it easy for you to be authentic before God? Why or why not?
- How do you think authenticity and honesty with God can help us stay the course in our growth?

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***Remember to record your attendance for the week. Thank you.

How can we pray for each other this week?								
