



God Family Country

GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

The Jesus Vine

Speaker: Pastor Alan Brooks

Highlighted Scripture

John 15:1–8 (ESV)

- 1 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.**
- 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.**
- 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.**
- 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.**
- 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.**
- 6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.**
- 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.**
- 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”**

Ephesians 5:18 (ESV)

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22–23 (ESV)

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,

goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

John 14:12 (ESV)

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.”

Discussion Questions

- 1. Alan emphasized that being is more important than doing. How does that challenge the way you usually approach your faith?**
- 2. What does it practically mean for you to abide in Christ rather than just visit Him occasionally?**
- 3. Jesus says that apart from Him we can do nothing of eternal value. How does that truth reshape your priorities?**
- 4. How does the idea of being “under the influence” of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18) help you understand spiritual growth?**
- 5. If the fruit of the Spirit is ultimately love, how is that love being formed—or needing to be formed—in your life right now?**

Reflection Challenge

Today, shift your focus from doing things for God to being with God.

Ask yourself:

- Am I remaining in Christ—or just checking in occasionally?**
- Am I allowing Him to shape my heart before trying to produce results?**

Practice intentional abiding:

- Spend time speaking with Jesus in prayer**
- Listen for His voice through Scripture**
- Invite the Holy Spirit to guide and influence your choices**

Remember:

 **Fruit is not manufactured—it is produced naturally when you remain connected to the vine.**

Prayer

Father God,

Thank You for reminding us that life with You is not about striving, but about abiding.

Teach us to remain in You—to take up residence in Your presence, not just visit from time to time.

Help us to be led and influenced by Your Holy Spirit, shaping us to look more like Jesus.

Produce Your fruit in us—not for our glory, but for Yours.

Keep us rooted in Your love, trusting that as we abide, You will do the work through us.

We place our lives fully in Your hands.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

