

The True Dime  
Week



## Begin this time by reading the seven “I AM” statements aloud as a group:

- 1) Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” – John 6:35 (The Bread of Life)
- 2) When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” – John 8:12 (The Light of the World)
- 3) “I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture.” – John 10:9 (The Door or The Gate for the Sheep)
- 4) I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep...“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – John 10:11,14 (The Good Shepherd)
- 5) Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing

in me will never die. Do you believe this?”  
– John 11:25-26 (The Resurrection and the Life)

6) Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” – John 14:6 (The Way and the Truth and the Life)

7) “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener...I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” – John 15:1, 5 (The True Vine)

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- Which of these statements are you holding fast to this week? Which of these great truths about Jesus refreshes your heart today?

## Watch Video:

As a group, watch the series video, "The True Vine".

## In The Word:

### Read Isaiah 5:1-7

- What is the prophet conveying through his song about God? Who is the vineyard within this passage and what type of fruit is it producing? What does the LORD Almighty promise He will do to this vineyard and why?
- Read Isaiah 27:1-6. Whereas in Isaiah 5, Israel is promised judgment, Isaiah 27 portrays restoration.
- What do these passages teach us about God's holiness, faithfulness, and restoration? How has God saved and restored you?

### Read John 15:1-17

- What is Jesus conveying in this passage about life in Him? What does it mean to remain in Jesus? How can one know if they are doing so?
- What is the purpose of "pruning"? What is a time in which God has pruned you in order to be more fruitful for His Kingdom? What was your attitude towards the pruning in the moment it was happening?

## Prayer:

Spend time in prayer, asking God to draw you close to Jesus. Pray that God would remove any legalism or selfish motives for this and that you would be drawn to Jesus simply because of who He is. Pray that you, your group, and our church would bear much fruit by remaining in Jesus.

Give thanks to God for His seasons of pruning. Though they may be difficult in the moment, He uses them for His glory and to make us even more fruitful. Give thanks for God's grace and provision through those seasons.

## Apply:

- Take inventory of the fruit in your life (read Galatians 5) and what you are producing. Is there any fruit that needs to be cut off?
- Remaining in Jesus is not merely doing stuff FOR Jesus but about spending time WITH Him, cultivating our hearts and minds as we set our eyes on Him. This week, devote time to the reading of God's Word and prayer. Consider a day in which you will fast (if pursuing a fast from food, check with your doctor before starting), devoting yourself to intimacy with God.



## **Memorize**

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**– John 15:1, 5**