Message: This Is Jesus Week 4: I Am The Vine

Scripture: John 15:5

"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 15:5

WHY IS BEING CONNECTED IMPORTANT?

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener." John 15:1

"Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine." John 15:4

1. STAYING CONNECTED PRODUCES FRUIT.

"He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be more fruitful." John 15:2

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." Galatians 5:22-23

2. BEING DISCONNECTED PRODUCES NOTHING.

"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 15:5

"If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned." John 15:6

HOW DO WE STAY CONNECTED TO THE VINE?

1. DO WHAT JESUS <u>SAYS</u>.

"If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love..." John 15:10

2. LOVE LIKE JESUS LOVES.

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12