



Discussion Questions 2/12/23

I Am The True Vine

Family Check-up:

What is God teaching you in your quiet time?

Who have you had the privilege of reaching out to this week?

Intro: What does it mean to follow Jesus? In one of the very last things that Jesus says to his followers he tells them that he is the true vine and that they are to abide in him. He tells them this 10 times in just 11 verses. Without Jesus we have no life, we have no purpose, we have no salvation, we have nothing. Jesus realizes that life is incredibly difficult and that is the reason he calls us to abide in him.

Read: John 15:1-11

1. What does it practically look like to abide in Jesus? If you were to ask Jesus to practically show you what he was talking about in this text, what do you think he would say?
2. Jesus says that the fake religion of Israel is the fake vine and Jesus is the true vine. Israel did not bear fruit. So what is the fruit that Jesus wants us to produce that Israel never did?
3. The beautiful thing about the vinedresser is that he lifts up the drooping branches. These are the branches that are struggling just to get by. Try to put into words the kind of hope that this gives you.
4. Read Isaiah 11. This is where Jesus got the idea of calling himself the true vine. According to Isaiah, what is the significance of Jesus claiming this title?
5. It may sound weird to hear that Jesus would discipline his children. But he does this from a place of love. Pruning branches is a form of discipline. Why do you need this discipline from Jesus and how do you recognize it as love?

Pray: Spend some time with your group praying about how you bear fruit and how you are allowing Jesus to prune you to provide more fruit. Take some time hearing from your group members on how they can be prayed for in this regard and then take time praying over each other.