



Small Group

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” James 1:22 niv

SUMMARY

Adam Calabrese taught a message entitled, “A Desperate Dependence” from John 15:1-8. In this passage, we learned about vines, branches, and fruit. We learned that to live a fruitful life that glorifies God happens by abiding in Christ.

1. In verse 1, Jesus said of Himself that “I AM the true vine”. Jesus was again declaring His deity by referring to Exodus 3 where God referred to Himself as “I AM”.

- When did you come to the realization that Jesus is God?
- People often mistakenly say that Jesus never claimed to be God. How would you refute that belief?

2. Knowing that Jesus is the “true vine” means that there are also “false vines”. In that day, the false vine was Israel and the Judaizers who opposed Jesus, the church, and the Gospel.

- What are some examples of “false vines” that we need to be aware of today?
- How should we interact with a person or group that is a “false vine”?

3. In verse 2 we learned that there are two types of branches: unfruitful branches and fruitful branches.

- What does it mean to “bear fruit”?
- What does “fruit” look like in the life of a follower of Christ?

3. According to verse 5, the key to bearing fruit is abiding in Christ. We cannot bear fruit apart from the abiding relationship with Jesus.

- What does it mean to “abide” in Christ?
- As you think about your life presently, what would it look like for you to abide in Christ to a greater degree?

4. Verse 5 teaches that without Jesus Christ, we can do nothing.

- Share an example of how you’ve tried to accomplish something apart from Christ. What happened?
- What are you facing right now that you need to commit to doing with Jesus?

5. Have someone read verses 8 aloud.

- As we abide in Christ, we will bear fruit. According to verse 8, what is the end result of our fruit?

APPLICATION

PRAYER

Pray that we’d each abide in Jesus to a richer and greater degree this week!

