

## SERMON NOTES

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**Date:** November 17, 2019

**Series:** Jesus In the Present Tense

**Title:** I Am the True Vine

**Text:** John 15:1-17

**Big Idea:** Jesus is the True Vine who empowers us to truly live.

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# APPLICATION GUIDE

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## REVIEW THE SERMON

In what way is Jesus the True Vine?

What is the key to spiritual fruitfulness?

Jesus said that apart from him we can do nothing (v. 5). What does this imply about what we can do with him (v. 7, 16)?

## APPLY THE TRUTH

What spiritual fruit does God want to produce in your life (cf. Gal 5:22-23, Eph 5:9)?

Choose one spiritual fruit that you believe needs to be cultivated most in your life. Write a brief prayer asking God to help you grow in this way as you abide in Christ.

What does a life of fruitlessness imply about your spiritual state? What can you do about it (cf. Mt. 3:8)?

Describe a season of pruning in your life? How did God use it to increase your fruitfulness?

In what ways does your life as a branch on the Vine suffer from spiritual neglect?

What steps can you take to draw close to Christ so that you would abide in him and he in you more each day?

Can you think of a way that you're living in disobedience to God? If so, who or what are you loving more than God? What does repentance look like in this situation?

## COMMIT THIS WEEK

Who is God calling you to love today? Take active steps to love them prayerfully and faithfully this week.