

Sermon Notes
October 15, 2023
John 15:1-17
Remain

The pigeon keeper and the hunter

- Rest in Jesus to be prepared to serve Jesus

The Vine and the Vineyard

- A symbol of God's people (Jeremiah 2:21; Hosea 10:1; Isaiah 5)
- A failed crop (Isaiah 5:2)
- A true vine (Psalm 80:16-17)
- The true vine (John 15:1)
- Who is Jesus to us?

Remain in Jesus

- A moral quality
- Obedience (John 15:10)
- By following God's Word (John 15:7)

Producing Fruit

- The fruit of witness (John 15:16)
- By depending upon Jesus (John 15:5)
- The prayer of a bedridden woman
- Being pruned (John 15:3)

Sharing God's Love

- The cross (John 15:9; John 15:13)
- The cross means we are friends of Jesus (John 15:15)
- The cross deepens our prayer life (John 15:16)
- The cross defines our love for one another (John 15:12)

A travelling professor and the bad preacher

Questions:

1. When you hear Jesus say "remain in me" what instantly comes to mind? What did you learn today that helps you better understand what Jesus means?
2. The vineyard and vines were a symbol of God's people in the Old Testament. Why is this such a powerful image of God's people?
3. Read Isaiah 5:1-7. What is God saying about his vineyard? Read Matthew 21:33-46. How does this passage bring new meaning to Isaiah 5? How does this passage point to Jesus?
4. The sermon highlights the seven great "I am" sayings of Jesus in John's Gospel. The last of these is "I am the true vine" (John 15:1). Why do you think John highlights these seven great sayings of Jesus? Who is Jesus to you?
5. How has the Word of God smoothed your life this week?
6. Being part of the true vine means we bear good fruit – and fruit in John 15 means witnessing for Jesus. What ways is God using you to witness for him?
7. Have you experienced God's pruning cut? What was it like? Read Hebrews 12:11. How do you respond to the idea that God prunes us?
8. John 15:13 tells us of Jesus' love. How does focusing upon the cross help you remain in Jesus?

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約翰福音 15:1-17

常在

養鴿子的仁和獵人

- 在耶穌裡安息以備服事祂

葡萄樹和葡萄園

- 神子民的記號(耶利米書 2:21; 何西阿書 10:1; 以賽亞書 5)
- 失敗的農作(以賽亞書 5:2)
- 真的葡萄樹(詩篇 80:16-17)
- 真的葡萄樹(約翰福音 15:1)
- 對我們，耶穌是誰？

常在耶穌裡

- 道德品質
- 順服 (約翰福音 15:10)
- 尊崇耶穌的話(約翰福音15:7)

結果子

- 見證的果子(約翰福音 15:16)
- 仰賴耶穌 (約翰福音 15:5)
- 一個臥床不起女人的禱告
- 被修剪(約翰福音 15:3)

分享神的愛

- 十字架(約翰福音 15:9; 約翰福音15:13)
- 十字架意味著我們是耶穌的朋友 (約翰福音 15:15)
- 十字架深化了我們的禱告生活 (約翰福音 15:16)
- 十字架定義了我們給彼此的愛 (約翰福音 15:12)

一位旅遊的教授和差勁的傳道人

問題:

1. 當你聽到耶穌說“常在我裡面”你馬上想到的是什麼？你今天學到了甚麼能幫助你更好的認識耶穌？
2. 葡萄園和葡萄是舊約聖經中神的子民的象徵，為什麼這是神子民如此有力的形象？
3. 讀以賽亞書5:1-7。神如何形容他的葡萄園？讀馬太福音21:33-46，這段經文如何為以賽亞書5章帶來新的意義？這段經文又如何指向耶穌？

4. 講道提出約翰福音中論及耶穌的7個“我是”，最後一個是“我是真葡萄樹”（約翰福音15:1），你認為為什麼約翰要提出這7個“我是”？對你而言誰是耶穌？
5. 這星期神的話如何平撫了你的生活？
6. 身為真葡萄樹的一部分意味著結果子-約翰福音15章中結果子意思是為耶穌做見證，神用甚麼方法讓你為他做見證？
7. 你經歷了神的修剪嗎？感覺如何？讀希伯來書12:11，你如何回應神修剪的想法？
8. 約翰福音15:13告訴我們耶穌的愛。定睛十字架如何幫助你常在耶穌裡？