

Jesus the Vine Sermon Notes

Passage John 15:1-8

Main verse: Verse 5

I. God the Gardener

- a. He cuts off the branches that does not bear much fruit,
- b. He prunes the ones that are bearing fruit, so they will be more fruitful.
 - i. removal of deadwood 2 Corinthians 5:17
 - ii. shaping, which is done by controlling or redirecting growth. Jeremiah 18:6
 - iii. improve and sustain health.
 - iv. reduce risk from falling branches
 - v. increase the yield and quality of flowers and fruits.
- c. He is the gardener not us, we are the branches, we must remember that.
- d. He daily watches over the vines and branches.
- e. He will protect the plants during times of winter when it is dormant

II. Jesus the Vine

- a. Vine extends from the roots to the arms of the vine.
- b. The vine is the channel through which the branches receive what they need to survive and bear fruit.
(John 3:16, Romans 5:8, Philippians 4:19, Psalm 84:11, 2 Corinthians 9:8)
- c. The roots anchor the plant to the soil, they help the plants develop by absorbing water and nutrients in the soil, and they support the growth of the plant. (Psalm 1:1-3, Jeremiah 17:7-8, Colossians 2:6-7)

III. Us the branches

- a. Two types of branches: Those that don't bear fruit (thrown away into the fire) and those that bear fruit (pruned to grow more fruit)
- b. IF we are remaining in Christ, bearing fruit should happen naturally
- c. Ways to remain in Christ
 - i. Be prayerful. Philippians 4:6-7
 - ii. Learn and live by God's Word. John 15:10
 - iii. Surrender everything to God. Matthew 6:25-27
 - iv. Live a life that is grateful: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
 - v. Be refreshed. Matthew 11:28-30
 - vi. Worship. Psalm 34:1
 - vii. We must be in fellowship. Fellowship not only with God, but with other believers. Hebrews 10:24-25
 - viii. Be intentional in remaining in Christ.

d. Evidence that a Christian is bearing fruit.

- i. Where are we investing our time and resources? Galatians 6:7-9
- ii. Is spiritual fruit evident in our lives: What type of fruit do people see in our lives? “fruits of the flesh” Galatians 5:19-21 or Fruits of the Spirit Galatians 5:22-23
- iii. Do you have a testimony and can you share your testimony easily?
- iv. Do you know how to share the gospel with someone