

I AM: THE TRUE VINE



Word: John 15:1-8

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes[a] so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵ “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Discussion:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week’s message?
2. Describe a time when we as a church or you as an individual went through a season of pruning.
3. How did your pruning equip you to bear greater fruit in life?
4. Why do we at times seek to accomplish things in our own strength outside of Christ? Describe a time when this took place in your life.
5. How can we ensure we are living our lives dependent upon Jesus?