

MESSAGE NOTES

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COME AND SEE | THE VINE AND BRANCHES

JOHN 15:1-25

GOAL

- To remain in Christ is to continually receive all Christ has to offer us.
- Only by receiving what Christ has to offer are we able to give, bearing the fruit that glorifies the Father.

OVERVIEW

- Jesus is the true vine and the Father is the gardener. God will prune us to make us grow more like Jesus, as nothing can be done without remaining in Christ.
- The act of remaining in Christ is the act of receiving all of Christ.
- Three specific ways we receive Christ:
 1. We receive His word
 2. We receive His love
 3. We receive His joy
- We can only give what we receive.

BRINGING IT HOME

1. Are you grafted into the vine?
2. Are you receiving all that you can? How are you trying to receive (truth, love, joy) in places other than Christ?
3. Do you want to bear fruit? John 15:18-25 tells us the world will hate us because they hate Jesus. Being grafted into the vine means we will be rejected by those who reject the vine. If we bear the vine's fruit, there will be rejection. Do you want to bear the fruit?