

**Date: May 6, 2018**

**Sermon Title: Born to Bloom**

**Speaker: Richard Smith**

**Scripture text(s): Isaiah 5:1-4**

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- 1) Read Isaiah 5:1-2. Why do you think God had Isaiah include these steps for planting a vineyard?
- 2) Read John 15:1-6 and 8. How much of this process is God's responsibility and how much is our responsibility?
- 3) From John 15:8, what was the purpose for which God chose us? From 1 Peter 1:3, what have we been given to bear much fruit?
- 4) In Isaiah 5:4 we learn that the vineyard did not bear good fruit. Why did it only yield bad fruit? What more could God have done?
- 5) Richard used the analogy of the glass blower making a vase to illustrate this principle. Discuss this illustration and how it applies to our lives.
- 6) What is your desire in life? What excuses have you been using that prevent you from bearing much fruit?
- 7) What are you choosing not to allow God to do in and through you? What area of your life is not glorifying God? How have you seen God work in your life to bring those areas under His control?