

SERMON TITLE: **THE LIFE OF THE VINE**

TEXT: **JOHN 15:1-11**

### **INTRODUCTION.**

In this sermon, we will learn the meaning and importance of abiding in Jesus. As we study what Scripture says, we will be challenged to remain attached to Jesus' life as the only true way for living and for bearing the fruit he desires us to bear.

### **DISCUSSION.**

Compare your life today with how you were 5 or 10 years ago. In what way is your connection to the life of Jesus more evident?

### **EXAMINATION.**

John 15:1-11 —

If branches on the vine are human lives and the Father is the vinedresser, as in this teaching of Jesus, what would the pruning look like? What pain might be associated with the pruning? What tools might the Father use? What sort of fruit might grow from the pruning?

As a branch on Jesus' vine, how would you describe the condition of your fruit (utilize adjectives commonly used to describe fruit)? Why?

What is the connection between 'remaining in Jesus' love' and 'obeying his commands' to bearing fruit? What type of fruit is produced by 'remaining in Jesus's love' and 'obeying his commands' (*see 15:11 and 15:16*)?

### **APPLICATION.**

- What is one thing will you do this week to detach from other vines so that you may more completely attach to Jesus, the True Vine?
- As the branch submits to the vinedresser, what aspects of your 'branch' will you submit to the Father's careful and loving pruning this week?
- Pray that the Father would open your eyes to his pruning that you might joyfully receive it and then bear fruit that lasts (15:16).
- Fact: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- React: What did you feel?
- Act: What are you going to do?