

# **I Am the True Vine Notes**

John 15:1-6

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1. Why was the phrase, "I am the true vine" offensive to the Israelites? What were they supposed to be doing that they weren't doing? What are we supposed to be doing? Are you doing the job?
2. What does it mean that Jesus is the "true" vine?
3. What is blasphemy? If the punishment for blasphemy was stoning, why didn't the religious leaders stone Jesus since they didn't believe His claim to be God?
4. How did Jesus fulfil both the Abrahamic and Davidic covenant, that all nations would be blessed through him and a son of David would sit on the throne forever? Why is this important to us?
5. How does God prune us? Why does it prune us? What is He cutting out of your life?
6. How does God direct us in where He wants us to go and what He wants us to do?
7. Why is the pruning process of our life painful? Why is it necessary? What will happen if we aren't pruned?
8. How can we know if we are in right standing with God?
9. Why would people want to identify as a Christian, but not really be one? What are some things or reasons someone would think they are a Christian, but not really be one? Why is it difficult to reach these people for Christ? How can we reach them for Christ?
10. Take time to look back on your Christian life. How have you changed since becoming a Christian? Are you more loving, patient, joyful, kind etc. than you were at the beginning? Do you give praise to God more? Are you looking around to see what needs you can meet?
11. How is a Christian expected to act? Why? Based on your behavior, would the people you work with and hang out with, say that you are a Christian? Why or why not? In what areas do you need to improve in?
12. Have you shared the gospel with other people? Have other people coming to a saving knowledge of Christ because of you sharing your faith?
13. What does it mean to abide in Christ? What does that look like in our daily lives?
14. How often are you in God's Word outside of church services? How does this impact your ability to abide in Christ?