

ABIDING IN THE TRUE VINE

John 15.1-11 // June 6, 2021

FALSE VINES

In Jesus' final "I AM" statement, He says, "I AM the true vine." He is no doubt drawing a correlation with Israel being known as the vine of the Lord, but noting that all of Israel has fallen short. From Abraham, Moses, to David, none of them were worthy to be a man that other Jews should abide in. Yet now Jesus comes. A true Jew, Abraham's Son and of the line of David who perfectly keeps the Law of Moses. The only Jew who truly abided, and so He says, "I AM the true vine. Abide in Me."

The Jews trusted in their heritage with Israel as their vine, but this was broken. What "false vines" do you abide in to give you life and purpose?

Acts 26.14

**Your long-term joy is more important to Him
than your short-term and immediate happiness.**

HOW TO ABIDE

Jesus has already taught His disciples that the way to obey Him is by learning to love Him. We learn to abide in the True Vine when we learn to love Him.

Matthew 13.3-8, 18-23

**The Christian life is one of great paradox. The way to strength, is
through weakness. The way up is go low. The way to honor is through
humility. The way to individual growth is through communal
dependence. The way to healing is through brokenness.
The repenting soul is the victorious soul. To bear the cross is to wear
the crown. To have nothing is to have everything.
The way to be lifted up is by being brought down.**

ANTI-CHURCHIANITY

To abide in the vine is not just against the way the world does things, but it is also against the way, sadly, that much of the church does things. When our cultural, societal, or political worldviews and shaping mingles with our faith, our vision is blurred and we stop abiding in the True Vine.

**When we reach the end of ourselves
We come to the beginning of Christ.**

Luke 18.9-14 // Colossians 3.12-17

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Exodus 14:14

The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshiping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **John 15.1-11**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

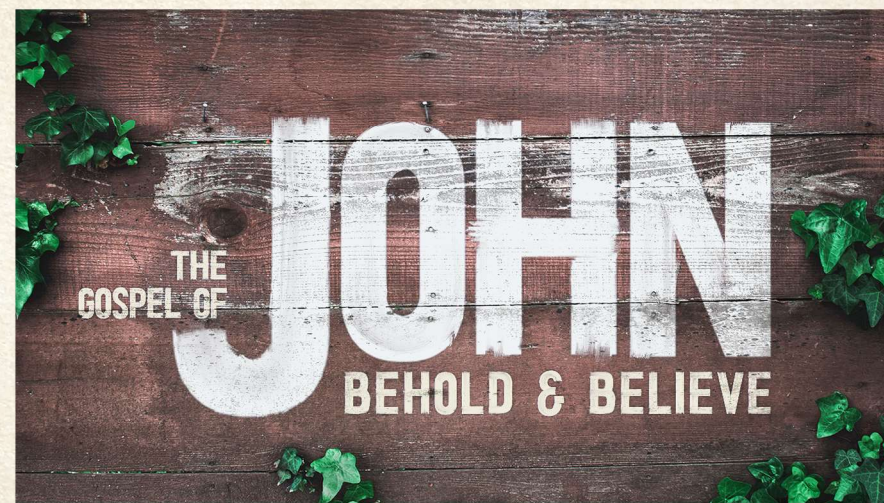
What "vines" do you find yourself getting too much life, meaning, purpose, passion, or identity from? What things in your life do you hold on to tighter when they are being threatened, or things that you deem as essential for life and happiness?

Your Life Mission

What conversations do you need prayer for, that you might bring the hope of God's wisdom to people going through pruning? Pray that the Spirit would bring to remembrance what He has taught you so that you can have these conversations.

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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