

# SERMON NOTES

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## MESSAGE: TRUE VINE

### 1. The True Vine Identified

- **John 15:1 /14:6**
  - Jesus is the True Vine.
  - He is the source of spiritual life, growth, and fruitfulness.
  - Christ is the only way to the Father and the foundation of the believer's life.

### 2. Fruitfulness Must Be Evident in the True Vine person

- **John 15:2-3, 5**
  - A healthy branch naturally produces fruit.
  - God desires believers to bear fruit that reflects Christ.
  - Fruitfulness is evidence of abiding in Jesus.

### 3. Shaping of a Future

- **John 15:2**
  - The Father lovingly prunes His people to increase fruitfulness.
  - Seasons of correction, discipline, and growth prepare believers for greater usefulness.
  - God's work in our lives today shapes our future purpose and ministry.

### 4. Protect the Vine

- **John 15:2-3**
  - The gardener protects and cares for the vine.
  - Believers should guard their relationship with Christ from influences that hinder growth.
  - Purity, obedience, and the Word of God help preserve spiritual health.

### 5. Ensure Connection to the True Vine

- **John 15:5, 7**
  - Abiding in Christ is essential for spiritual life.
  - Connection is maintained through prayer, worship, obedience, and God's Word.
  - As His words remain in us, our desires become aligned with His will.

### 6. Draw Your Character from the True Vine

- **Galatians 5:22-24**
  - The character of Christ is revealed through the fruit of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control
  - As believers remain in Christ, these qualities become increasingly evident in their lives.