

sermon notes

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April 2, 2025 | "Keys to Happiness" | **John 15:1-11**

EXPOSITION:

When we branch off the true vine...

_____ is _____ (v1-3)

_____ is _____ (v4-6)

_____ is _____ (v7-11)

Questions for further application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

How is God's work in pruning different from His work in salvation? Which comes first? What does pruning accomplish?

What is Jesus' motivation for telling the disciples "these things"? How does he leverage our driving motivations to bring Himself greater glory?

GET PERSONAL

What kinds of pruning have you experienced? How did God use that pruning to allow for more fruit in your life? Has your experience of pruning enabled you to help a brother or sister in Christ to greater fruitfulness?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

How can you abide in Christ? Be specific. Think about the different parts of your day and how you can abide in Christ during each part (i.e. home, work, hobbies, etc). Consider some strategies with other believers and hold each other accountable.

ADVANCED QUESTION

Read 1 Timothy 4:1-5. If abiding in Christ is the source of your joy - how are we supposed to think about the blessings that God has given us? Can we still enjoy a great meal or time with friends without committing idolatry? How does the apostle Paul encourage believers to treat these gifts and contrast that with those mentioned in 1 Tim4:3?