

**June 18, 2023**

Abiding Fruit

John 15:1-11

In John 15:1, Jesus makes His last “I Am” statement. Once again, Jesus uses a common object to demonstrate a great spiritual truth. This time He uses a vine. Jesus says, “I am the true vine.” He then, says those who believe in Him are the branches. Just as the branches derive their life from the vine, so believers derive life from Jesus. Believers’ lives will be fruitful if they abide in Jesus.

**Additional Verses:**

Psalms 80:8-16

Jeremiah 2:21

Philippians 4:7

Isaiah 5:1-7

Galatians 5:22-23

Hebrews 12:1-2

**Outline:**

1. Jesus is the center of God’s plan of salvation.

2. The Father works so His children produce fruit.

3. Believers bear fruit by abiding in Jesus.

**Study Questions:**

1. How is Jesus the true vine? What does this tell us about salvation today?

2. What two actions does the Father do to the vine? Describe each. Why is pruning an act of love?

3. What needs to be pruned from your life so that you can produce more fruit? How are you going to make those changes?

4. What does it mean to abide in Jesus? How are you abiding in Jesus? How are you seeing fruit produced in your life from abiding in Jesus?

5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?