

## I AM The True Vine – John 15:1

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### **Introduction**

1. Today is our final lesson in the series “I AM Who Does Jesus Claim To Be.” Jesus has shown us many pictures of who He is and what we can root our lives in. Jesus now draws a picture that is agricultural. He is the true vine and we are the branches. Let us look closely at what it means to truly abide in Jesus the vine...

#### **I. I Am The True Vine (15:1-2)**

- a. The Father The Vinedresser

#### **II. Abide In Me (Jesus) 15:3-4**

- a. Abide & Abode

#### **III. The Anchor (15:5-9)**

- a. Being Rooted In The Vine
  - i. Means we will bear fruit (Galatians 5:22-24)
- b. Not Being Rooted In The Vine
  - i. Means being casted away for burning (Galatians 5:19-21)
- c. What To Expect By Abiding In Jesus
  - i. Abide in Jesus (Make our home with Him)
  - ii. Abide in His words (15:10)
  - iii. Abide in prayer
  - iv. Abide in His love

#### **IV. What To Absorb?**

- a. The Presence Of God (15:5)
  - i. If we abide in Jesus we will absorb God's presence
- b. The Word of God (15:7)
  - i. If we abide in God's Word then it will be with me
- c. The Will of God (15:7)
  - i. If we abide in prayer I will absorb the will of God
- d. The Character of God (15:9)
  - i. If we abide in His love we will absorb the character of God

#### **V. Discipleship Challenge**

- a. How Can We Abide? –It takes TIME
- b. The Challenge
  - i. Take time to abide with God this week by picking one day to do a media fast. That means taking time for just one day usually spent on newspapers, television, texting, facebook, twitter, computer, ipad, phones etc. and instead use that time to abide in God and Jesus.
  - ii. Use it to study your bible, pray, count all the ways God loves you etc.
  - iii. Will you join me in a media fast to take the time to abide in Jesus?