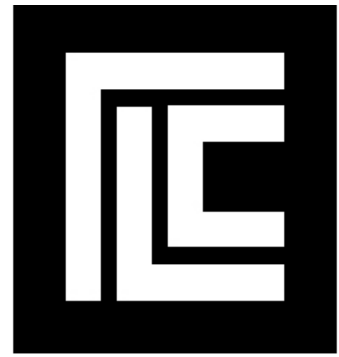


**I Am**

**May 12, 2024**

John 15:1-17



*On Sunday we continued our I Am series by looking at the final “I am” statement that Jesus makes in John 15. This is hours before his betrayal, arrest and crucifixion. It’s probable that Jesus utters these words in front of the temple, on the way to the Garden of Gethsemane. In this statement, Jesus makes it clear: as Christians, we are supposed to produce fruit and the only way to do that is to remain in Jesus.*

## **Getting Started**

What’s something that you’ve planted that never flowered or fruited or something you were trying propagate/reproduce but it never worked (Kombucha or something else)?

## **Read**

John 15:1-17

## **Digging Deeper**

- From the text above, why do you think Jesus chose the analogy of a vine and branches to describe our relationship with Him? How did Sunday’s teaching shed new light on this for you?
- Jesus being the true vine means that apart from him we can do nothing. What are some areas in your life that you find yourself trying to do on your own strength? Are there ways that you can invite Jesus into those and “remain/abide in him” in those areas?
- As Toran pointed out, Jesus mentioned love, obedience, and sacrifice as fruits produced from remaining connected to Him. Can you think of an example in your own life or someone else’s life when you experienced one of these fruits?
- We closed Sunday’s message with some time listening and reflecting on this: Jesus, how would you like me to grow with you this summer? What did you hear or sense from the Lord during this time?



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