

Here and Now: Jesus in the Present Tense

The True Vine

A thriving spiritual life is produced through a life connected to Jesus. (John 15:1-17)

1. **What did Jesus want His disciples to understand when He said “I am the _____”?**

Jesus defined the types of relationships His disciples would have. (John 15:1, 5, 12)

Jesus defined lasting fruit as the purpose of the Christian life. (John 15:16)

2. **We are _____.** (John 15:5)

Branches are sustained when they stay connected to the life source (the vine). (John 15:6)

Branches must be pruned regularly in order to remain fruitful. (John 15:2)

The proof is in the fruit. (John 15:8)

3. **_____ to Jesus increases my capacity to produce good fruit.** (John 15:12-13)

The vine takes care of me; my fruit takes care of others. (John 15:4)

What’s the quality and quantity of the fruit I am bearing? (Galatians 5:22-23)

Am I bearing fruit in my life that actually benefits others?