

Sermon Discussion Questions: November 23, 2025

Sermon Series: Visions of the Church

Sermon: The Vine and the Branches

Passage: John 15:1-10

What does it practically mean to “abide in Christ” in your current season of life?

Jesus uses the imagery of a vine and branches to describe our connection to him. How would you describe your present habits of abiding (prayer, Scripture, worship, community)? Where do you sense invitation or resistance?

In what areas of your life do you tend to rely on your own strength rather than Jesus’ life flowing through you?

Reflect on Justin Earley’s story or your own tendencies toward self-reliance. Where does striving replace resting? What helps you recognize the difference?

Jesus says that apart from him we can “do nothing.” How does that confront the cultural messages of competence, productivity, and self-sufficiency?

Where do you feel pressure to “be enough,” and how does abiding reorient your identity and purpose?

How have you experienced God’s pruning in your life?

Share a time when a loss, disappointment, or unexpected change eventually bore spiritual fruit. How does the image of the vinedresser bring comfort—or discomfort—when you walk through hardship?

What trellis (habits or rhythms) might God be inviting you to build or rebuild so that your life can be more deeply connected to Jesus?

Consider prayer, Scripture reading, Sabbath, communion, corporate worship, or spiritual friendships. What is one small, concrete step you could take this week?