

JESUS: THE MESSIAH

LESSON 10 - "I AM the True Vine"

July 12, 2026

WORSHIP (15 MINS)

Venue: Home gatherings

Sing one or two songs or play a song from You Tube.

Venue: Public place (school, café, park, etc.) or Via Online,

Testimonies: "What is your "high" or "your "low" this past week?"

Ask someone to do the opening prayer.

WELCOME (10 MINS)

Welcome guests/first-time visitors.

Ice-breaker: Which fruit best describes you/your personality/or the current season of your life right now?

WORD(30-45 MINS)

Main Text: Read John 15:1-8 NIV

Intro:

In our text, Jesus described Himself as the True Vine, one of His seven Messianic claims that reveals His identity as the Messiah. He used the imagery of a grapevine and vineyard to illustrate God's work in our lives. Jesus is the True Vine, and His followers are the branches. Just as a vine provides the nutrients and source of life that allow its branches to grow and bear fruit, Jesus is the source of our spiritual life. By abiding in His presence, knowing Him more deeply, and applying His teachings in our lives, we are able to grow and bear fruit.

Q: How would you describe yourself as a "branch" connected to the True Vine?

1. Jesus Is the Source of Spiritual Life- John 15:5 NIV

Like a vine, Jesus described Himself as the source of what is vital for the growth and survival of the branches. He is our **lifeline**. Just as the trunk is connected to the ground and supplies the branches with the nutrients and water they need, Jesus provides the spiritual nourishment we need to grow. He is also the **conduit** through which life flows. The life-giving sap travels through the vine and reaches every branch, allowing the whole plant to grow and survive. Without that connection to the vine, the branches cannot thrive.

This imagery describes Jesus' relationship with His disciples. Just as the branches depend on the vine for life and nourishment, the disciples depended on Jesus for spiritual life. Through His teachings and their relationship with Him, they were able to grow and bear fruit. In the same way, Jesus wants us to remain connected to Him so that we may continue to grow and bear fruit. Our spiritual nourishment comes from God.

In **John 15:5**, Jesus said, **"Apart from Me you can do nothing."** Jesus emphasized that without Him, we cannot bear the kind of fruit that glorifies God. Abiding in Him means loving Him with all our being, living according to His teachings, maintaining a prayerful life, and allowing the Holy Spirit to work in us.

As we remain connected to Christ, we are able to experience:

a. Growth in an Intimate Relationship with God

Jesus made it possible for us to have a relationship with God through His death and resurrection. He is our spiritual nourishment, and through loving Him, depending on Him, and allowing the Holy Spirit to work in us, we are able to grow and develop a deeper and more intimate relationship with God. Just as a branch must remain connected to the vine to receive nourishment, we also need to remain connected to Christ. The more we spend time in His presence, listen to His Word, and depend on Him, the deeper our relationship with Him becomes.

Q: How do you spend your quiet time with God?

b. Growth in Christlike Character- Galatians 5:22-24 NIV

By remaining in Christ, we are able to grow in Christlike character. As the Holy Spirit works in us, our lives begin to bear His fruit: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These fruits are evidence of spiritual growth and of Christ working in our lives. Just as a branch cannot produce fruit apart from the vine, we cannot develop Christlike character through our own strength alone. We depend on Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit within us to produce these fruits. The more we remain connected to Christ, the more our lives should begin to reflect His character.

Q: Which fruit of the Spirit do you feel God has helped you grow in the most? Which one do you feel you still need to grow in?

Q: What fruit of the Holy Spirit do you want to experience more in your life? Is there a particular area you are struggling with or praying for God to help you grow in?

c. Fulfill the Mission God Has Given Us- Matthew 28:18-20 NIV; John 15:16 NLT

With Jesus as the source of our spiritual life, we are able to fulfill the mission God has given us: to go into the world and share the Gospel with others. Just like His disciples, we are also called to be fishers of men and lead others to Christ. The disciples were able to bear fruit as they remained in Jesus and followed His teachings. In the same way, we cannot live a fruitful Christian life if we are disconnected from Christ, our True Vine. As we abide in Him, He equips and enables us to accomplish the work He has called us to do. **John 15:16** also reminds us that Jesus chose and appointed His followers to "go and produce lasting fruit." Our lives should bear fruit that not only affects us, but also points others toward Christ and brings glory to God.

Q: What are some ways God is currently using you to share His Word or the Gospel with others?

Apart from Christ, we cannot produce fruit that lasts for eternity. We may accomplish many things in this world, but without Christ, we cannot produce lasting spiritual fruit. When we remain connected to Him, however, our lives can have an eternal impact.

2. The Father Is the Gardener- John 15:1-2 NIV

Jesus described Himself as the True Vine and the Father as the Gardener. The Father oversees and cares for His vineyard. He removes the branches that bear no fruit and prunes the fruitful branches so that they may become even more fruitful. **Pruning** means cutting back parts of a plant so that its energy can be directed toward healthier growth and greater fruitfulness. In the same way, there may be times when God removes things from our lives, even things that may seem good, to redirect our focus toward what is better and help us grow spiritually. **Cleansing** can be pictured as removing what prevents a branch from receiving what it needs to grow. In our spiritual lives, God continually works in us, correcting, restoring, and removing things that may hinder our growth so that we can become more fruitful.

Pruning may not always be comfortable. Sometimes it involves letting go, correction, waiting, or going through circumstances we do not fully understand. But God, as the Gardener, knows what is necessary for our spiritual growth and continues to work in our lives with purpose.

Q: Have you experienced a time when you felt that God was "pruning" an area of your life? What did you learn from that experience?

Conclusion

With Jesus as our True Vine, we are connected to the Source of spiritual life who enables us to bear fruit that will last for eternity. As we abide in Him and live our lives for Him, we are able to grow spiritually and bear fruit that brings glory to God.

Along our journey of faith, we may also experience seasons of pruning and cleansing. Although these seasons may be difficult, God can use them to deepen our faith, shape our character, and prepare us to become even more fruitful for His Kingdom.

Our responsibility is to remain connected to the True Vine. As we abide in Christ through His Word, prayer, obedience, and dependence on the Holy Spirit, we can trust that God is continually at work in our lives.

Abide in Him, because He is at work in you and through you.

Q: What are some practical ways you can abide in Christ and apply His teachings in your day-to-day life?

WORK(15 MINS)

Application

1. Find a partner. Ask what you can pray for him/her then pray for each other.

2. Pray and prepare a Hit List (max. of 5-10 names of family, relatives, friends, schoolmates, workmates, neighbors, etc.) of possible people you desire to invite in the next life group gathering.

What is your take-away from this lesson? Closing Prayer