

ALL IN with God John 15:1-5 May 5, 2024

READ THE WORD

Read John 15:1-5

STUDY THE WORD

Why does Jesus refer to Himself as the "True Vine"? ("In the OT the vine or the vineyard was a common figure of speech used for Israel (Ps. 80:8-19, Isa. 5:1-7). The path to God doesn't go through the nation of Israel; it goes through Jesus now.)

Jesus is the "True Vine". Who is the vinedresser and the branch? (God the Father and Christians)

What is the purpose of pruning a branch? (to bear more fruit)

Read verse 3. What is Jesus saying to the disciples about being "already clean because of the Word"? (The Word of God did the work of God in the hearts of the disciples, namely cleaned them.)

How many times does Jesus use the word "abide" in John 15? (11 times) Why do you think Jesus would use this word so many times in one section?

SHARE THE WORD

What are the four ways we can go "ALL IN with God" from John 15:1-5?

- Identify as a Branch. John 15:1/5
- Embrace Suffering. John 15:2
- Love His Word, John 15:3
- Remain in Him. John 15:4/5

What does it mean to "identify as a branch"? How does being a branch speak to how our relationship with God works?

Why is it important for us to embrace suffering rather than stiff-arm it? (James 1:2-4/Hebrews 12:3-12) How have you seen God use suffering in your life to produce more fruit?

How do you view the Word of God? What are ways you could "love His word" more in your life?

What does it mean to "remain in Jesus"?

How could we summarize in one word going "ALL IN with God? (Dependence)

What are ways you could hold each other accountable for praying this prayer every day: "God, I am dependent on you today. Apart from you, I can do nothing."

PRAY THE WORD

Adoration: Praise God the Father for being the Vinedresser and God the Son for being the Vine.

Confession: Agree with God that we can often try to live independently of the Vine rather than dependent on the Vine.

Thanksgiving: Thank Jesus for being our source of life and godliness.

Supplication: Ask God to help you identify as a branch in your heart, embrace suffering when it comes, love His word, and remain in Christ.