

# The Great I Am SERMON NOTES

I AM THE VINE  
JOHN 15:1-11 | MAY 15, 2016  
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*Intro:*

1. \_\_\_\_\_: As the branch is connected to the vine for life, so we must \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus. (1-6)

2. \_\_\_\_\_: If we do abide in Him, our thoughts \_\_\_\_\_ with His and our desires align with His. So pray confidently and watch God work. (7-8)

3. \_\_\_\_\_: True abiding involves real obedience. \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus, and \_\_\_\_\_ well. Joy is the \_\_\_\_\_ fruit. (9-11)

*Conclusion:*

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### **New Reading Plan:**

**Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> - 1 John 3:1-10**

*To be of God*

**Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> - 1 John 3:11-24**

*Love in deed and in truth*

**Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> - 1 John 4:7-21**

*Abide in love... Abide in God*

**Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> - 2 John 1:1-13**

*Abide in His teaching*

**Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> - Revelation 5:1-14**

*He is worthy*

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## IMPACT GROUP QUESTIONS

KEY PASSAGE: John 15:1-11

Opening: Read John 15:1-11. From the passage/sermon, what truths impacted you the most?

1. From the passage:

- a. What do you learn about the character of Christ?
- b. What do you learn about salvation/sanctification?

2. Describe what it looks like (attitudes/actions/thoughts/etc.) to abide in Christ.

3. What do the following passages teach you about being pruned?

- a. James 1:2-4
- b. Hebrews 12:3-11
- c. 1 Peter 1:6-7
- d. Proverbs 3:12
- e. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
- f. Romans 5:3-5

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4. Explain the difference between bearing fruit as you abide in Christ, and doing good works to earn His favor.

5. Read John 15:7-8 and James 4:1-4.

- a. What motivations does verse 8 give for what we ask for?
- b. What wrong motivations do we often have in prayer?
- c. Think of a situation where you asked for something and the answer was "No." What wrong motives did you have in your prayer?

Application: Think of a situation in your life where God is pruning you. Do you need to focus more on staying, praying, or obeying, in order to bear fruit in this situation?