

Easter 2024 – I AM: the True Vine
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Reflection & Discussion Questions

The I AM statements are the self portrait of Jesus

All of these statements point to a God who gets His hands dirty for the people He loves.

*What have you learned about the nature of God through this series?

*How have these statements revealed the nature of His favor towards us?

Jesus declares, “I am the true vine”

Read and discuss John 15:1-5(NIV)

15 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

*What does this passage say about the picture Jesus paints of himself?

*What do these verses reveal about our part – how we can experience this goodness of God?

The invitation of this ‘I am’ statement is stay connected to me – that’s all that is needed

It is not about what you have to do...it is about receiving from God what He has to give.

*What does ‘remain in me’ look like in your life? How are you staying connected to Him lately?

*Where are you trying to bear fruit on your own?

The correct portrait of Jesus shows Him as the fully provisional vine

The invitation of Easter is to cling to His grace and remain in it.

*How does knowing that God is like Jesus shift any perceptions or expectations for you?

*What does viewing God as the Gardener and Jesus as the vine bring to mind? How has He been that for you?

*How is the Holy Spirit inviting you to stay connected to the vine?