

## The Vine

John 15:5-8 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. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”

John 13:34-35 34 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

**“EVERYONE WILL KNOW” becomes “SHOWING YOURSELVES TO BE”**

### **WHY IS BEING CONNECTED IMPORTANT?**

John 15:1 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.”

The best way to know if you are connected to the true vine is by the fruit that you are bearing.

### **STAYING CONNECTED PRODUCES FRUIT**

Galatians 5:22-23 ESV But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

### **BEING DISCONNECTED PRODUCES NOTHING**

John 15:6 “If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.”

### **HOW DO WE STAY CONNECTED TO THE VINE?**

#### **1. DO WHAT JESUS SAYS**

John 15:10 “If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love...”

#### **2. LOVE LIKE JESUS LOVES**

John 15:12 “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.”