

JOHN, THE GOSPEL OF BELIEF

John 15: *The Power of Connection*

A Connection to the vine (1-4)

John 15:1 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. **2** He cuts off every branch that doesn’t produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. **3** You have already been pruned for greater fruitfulness by the message I have given you. **4** Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful apart from me.

_____ is the vine.

_____ is the gardener.

_____ increases fruit.

_____ comes from connection to Jesus.

B Dependence on the vine (5-8)

John 15:5 “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. **6** Anyone who parts from me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. **7** But if you stay joined to me and my words remain in you, you may ask any request you like, and it will be granted! **8** My true disciples produce much fruit. This brings great glory to my Father.

Fruit is produced _____.

Jesus answers prayer that bring _____ to the _____.

C Food of the vine (9-17)

John 15:9 “I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. **10** When you obey me, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father and remain in his love. **11** I have told you this so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! **12** I command you to love each other in the same way that I love you. **13** And here is how to measure it—the greatest love is shown when people lay down their lives for their friends. **14** You are my friends if you obey me. **15** I no longer call you servants, because a master doesn’t confide in his servants. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. **16** You didn’t choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. **17** I command you to love each other.

Our connection is the _____ of Christ.

The love of Christ brings _____.

His love obligates us to _____.

Jesus’ love involves _____, _____, _____, and _____.

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D **Enemy of the vine (18-25)**

John 15:18 “When the world hates you, remember it hated me before it hated you. **19** The world would love you if you belonged to it, but you don’t. I chose you to come out of the world, and so it hates you. **20** Do you remember what I told you? ‘A servant is not greater than the master.’ Since they persecuted me, naturally they will persecute you. And if they had listened to me, they would listen to you! **21** The people of the world will hate you because you belong to me, for they don’t know God who sent me. **22** They would not be guilty if I had not come and spoken to them. But now they have no excuse for their sin. **23** Anyone who hates me hates my Father, too. **24** If I hadn’t done such miraculous signs among them that no one else could do, they would not be counted guilty. But as it is, they saw all that I did and yet hated both of us—me and my Father. **25** This has fulfilled what the Scriptures said: ‘They hated me without cause.’

Jesus’ love brings _____ of the world around us.

The world has no _____, because of Jesus’ _____.

E **Message of the vine (26-27)**

John 15:26 “But I will send you the Counselor—the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will tell you all about me. **27** And you must also tell others about me because you have been with me from the beginning.

Jesus will send the _____, who will tell us what to say.

Jesus prepare His disciples for His death by instructing them about the importance of continuing intimacy with Him, through the work of the Spirit.