

# Living a Life of Gospel-Fueled Service and Generosity

## Lesson 10: Our Power for Service and Generosity

**Sunday Message Text:** John 15:1-8.

**Big Idea:** The only way we can sustain lives of service and generosity is by staying connected to Jesus, the true vine.

**Focus:** Going back to the source, God's grace, is what gives us the power to live for others.

**Read** John 15:1-8.

- 1) V.1 - What does it mean that Jesus is the “true vine”? Why do you think Jesus uses the image of a vine?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) V.2 – What does it mean that the Father “cuts off every branch that bears no fruit” and He prunes the fruitful branches? How can you see pruning through trials, training, and discipline as a blessing and necessary for our spiritual growth?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) V.4 – What does it mean to “remain” or “abide” in Jesus? Why is it so necessary and important for the branch to remain in the vine? How do we remain/abide in Jesus?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) V.5 – What is this fruit Jesus is talking about? (*See also Jn. 15:7,11,12; Gal. 5:22-24; 2Pet. 1:5-8*)  
What does Jesus mean when he says, “apart from me you can do nothing”? How does this challenge your understanding of self-sufficiency and your independence?

- 5) V.7 – How are prayer and abiding in Jesus related? How is this vital to the activity of “bearing much fruit”?
- 6) V.8 – How does bearing much fruit bring glory to God and why is that important?
- 7) Why is it not enough just to believe in Jesus? Why must we remain connected to Him?
- 8) What kind of “fruit” do you think Jesus is “calling you to bear” in your daily life? What are some steps you can take to develop more dependence on Him in these areas?
- 9) How can you deepen your relationship with Him through prayer, Bible reading, or fellowship?
- 10) What can you do to be sure that your actions, words, and relationships bring glory to God?