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Sermon Title: **“I AM ... THE VINE”**

John 15:1-11

- With only a short while remaining before Jesus would be _____ and _____, Jesus intentionally reassures His disciples with a wonderfully comforting conversation centered on the final “_____” statement
- “Abide” = to dwell; to _____ as one; to be held and kept continually
- In total satisfaction we are able to _____ (even though there are difficulties and hardships along our paths)
- When Jesus declares “I AM ... the _____” He’s inviting His disciples into an _____, which is rooted in dependency
- Every believer needs to live _____ in the true vine
- “True” = Genuine; _____; real
- “Vinedresser” = one who _____, _____ for, _____, and _____ the vine to ensure maximum and optimum fruitfulness
- Every branch that has been _____ into the vine has been meticulously cared for and attended to _____
- Fruit only comes when we are faithfully _____ to the vine and then humbly _____ into the Father’s tender hands
- “Abide” = to dwell; to _____ as one; to be held and kept continually (this is a loving plea for us to stay connected)
- When we’re not abiding in Christ, then we’re _____ in something other than Christ as well
- _____ is NOT Optional for authentic believers, it is the _____ that we genuinely belong to Christ (the Vine)