



The Gospel of John

August 10: John 15:1-17

I Am the True Vine

A Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

What does it mean to be loyal? To what products or services are you loyal?

Why are there so many warnings in Scripture about apostasy?

Matthew 24:12-13 And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

John 15:1-2

What other "I Am" statements have we heard from Jesus?

How does the Father tend the branches?

Isaiah 5:4 What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

John 15:3-6

How are the Disciples made clean? Once the Disciples are made clean, what does Jesus desire of them?

John 8:31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples."

What happens to those who do not abide?

Hebrews 10:26-27 For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.

John 15:7-8

What happens when God's Word abides in us?

What proof do we have of our discipleship?

John 15:9-11

In what are we to abide?

Why does Jesus expect us to keep the commandments?

1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

John 15:12-13

What is Jesus' commandment?

How does He define love?

1 Corinthians 13:4-6 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

John 15:14-15

What does Jesus call His Disciples here?

What benefits are found in friendship with Jesus?

James 4:4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

John 15:16-17

Did the Disciples choose Jesus? For what did Jesus appoint His Disciples?

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.