

ALIVE IN ME

“All or Nothing”

May 23, 2021

Text: John 15:1-11

Part 7 of “Alive In Me”

Introduction: God is glorified when his people depend on him for _____.

I. Review: I AM...

- A. The _____ of life.
- B. The _____ of the world.
- C. The _____ and the good _____.
- D. The _____ and the _____.
- E. The _____, the _____, and the _____.

II. Slicing, Dicing (15:1-3)

A. Psalm 80, "... have regard for this vine... They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your face! But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the _____ whom you have made strong for yourself!"

B. (v. 2) The two roles of the vinedresser...

a. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he _____...

b. ... and every branch that does bear fruit he _____...

III. Abiding (14:4-7)

A. Abiding = symbiosis: i. A pair of organisms _____ in close quarters for mutual benefit

B. 2 Cor. 12:10, "For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

- C. Too many people know "I can do _____ things through Christ," without also knowing "apart from me, you can do _____."
- D. "Such words must so lodge in the disciple's mind and heart that conformity to Christ, obedience to Christ, is the most _____ thing in the world."
- E. James 4:3: "You ask and do not receive, because you ask with _____ _____, so that you may spend it on your pleasures."

IV. Fruit Bearing (15:8-11)

- A. (8) God is _____.
- B. (10) If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my _____.
- C. (11) These things I have spoken to you, that my _____ may be in you, and that your joy may be _____.

ACTIVITY & DISCUSSION FOR FAMILIES

Think through the I AM statements... how would you explain what Jesus is saying with each one to someone who hadn't read the Bible before?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

This week's text is John 15:1-11, but the whole of Jesus' final teaching to his disciples can be found by reading John 13-17.

Dig Deeper: Grab a good study Bible that has notes, a concordance, or a cross-reference system and study ideas, words, and themes from this sermon.

Take a moment to look back on your week! Have a couple people share: what are some highs, lows, and/or buffalos? (Highs=highpoints, Lows=low points, Buffalos=interesting)

What does it mean to you that Jesus is the vine, the Father is the vinedresser and we are branches?

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your Son to be my bread of life, my light in the darkness, my door and shepherd, the resurrection and the life, when I was dead in my sin, my way when I was lost, my truth when I was confused, the vine that enables literally every worthwhile action of my life. Thank you for your Son. Amen.