



## **WELCOME TO SOUTHEAST**

**Southeast provides relational environments where you can find Jesus, community, and purpose.**

### **GET CONNECTED**

**God created us for community. If you are interested in serving, participating in a small group, or would like more information about an upcoming event, join us at the Connections Studio live via Zoom after services: [southeastcc.org/connect](https://southeastcc.org/connect) or send an email to [connect@southeastcc.org](mailto:connect@southeastcc.org)**

### **NEED PRAYER?**

**We are honored to pray with you or for you. Join us after services to pray with someone: [southeastcc.org](https://southeastcc.org). You may also submit a prayer request at [southeastcc.org/prayer](https://southeastcc.org/prayer).**

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## **NOTES: I AM - THE TRUE VINE**

### **John 15:1–17 ESV**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branch- es. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”



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“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

### **Implications**

1. There are two joys that battle for our loyalty; one is shallow, the other is deep.
2. We must remain loyal to the joy that focuses on others rather than the joy that focuses on self.
3. We’ve been confronting many of the gods in our culture. If we continue to wage war on the idolatry of our lives, it will not be easy, but it will be good.

### **John 15:18–23 ESV**

“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father also.”



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