

Emmanuel Prayer Needs

Fall Ministry Startup - Pray for our Fall Ministries Starting up in September such as Small Groups, Truth Seekers, Youth Ministry. For those planning & preparing. For Volunteers needed! For Pastor Natan as he starts at Emmanuel as Youth Pastor. For our Fall Ministry Kickoff Sunday on Sunday Sept 14th.

Bob Burkinshaw & Caleb Henderson - Pray for Bob Burkinshaw in Eswatini as he returns next week. For Caleb Henderson in Colombia with Epic Onside.

(Prayer Chain Ministry) - a confidential ministry to pray for serious events and emergencies in people's lives)

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For Prayer email: prayer@emmanuelife.com, text 833 299 8558, see Pray Box in Foyer, or meet us at the end of each service.

John MacArthur "Our Lord comes along and says, "If you want to be connected to God, you have to be connected, not to Israel, but to me. I am the true vine, I am the perfect vine. Through Me, the life of God flows."

H A Ironside "If we are branches in the living Vine, if we have trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, then the one great thing for which we are left in this world is to bear fruit to the glory of God."

Spurgeon "It is the Word that prunes the Christian. It is the truth that purges him. The Scripture made living and powerful by the Holy Spirit eventually and effectively cleanses the Christian."

H.A. Ironside "So it is in all God's dealings with us. We should not be discouraged if we are called upon to pass through some very severe trials. So when we have to pass through great trials, deep waters and many sorrows, it is not an evidence that He does not love us, that He does not care for us"

J.C. Ryle describes abiding in Christ as "a habit of constant close communion with Him."

Plan to Protect

Refresher Courses:

Sunday Sept 7th 9am

Sunday September 21st 11am

*Signup up at emmanuelife.com or Welcome Desk



Sunday, August 24th 2025

Upcoming Events: (visit emmanuelife.com)

Plan to Protect Training - Sunday Sept 7th 9am & Sept 21st 11am. Sign up online or at Welcome Desk

Fall Ministry Launch Sunday - Sunday Sept 14th. Signups for Fall Ministries, Small Groups, Bible Studies & Serving Opportunities. Followed by BBQ at Pinecrest!

Emmanuel Leadership Team Meeting (Staff, Deacons & Elders) - Tuesday Sept 2nd 7pm.

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Baptist Church

Remain in Me

John 15:1-17

Context...

Jesus & Disciples have left the Upper _____ & now walking through Jerusalem towards G_____.

Jesus gives the last of the 7 “I _____” Statements

Jesus uses the Metaphor of a V_____ to describe our relationship to Him and the Father.

I - Jesus is the T_____ Vine (Verse 1)

Israel depicted as a Vine in the Old Testament. **Psalms 80:8-9; Isaiah 5:4**
Where Israel failed, Jesus becomes the true vine, the source of life, salvation, and the Kingdom of God!

II - God is the Vineyard K_____ (Verse 1)

God is the one who Planted the Vineyard, cares for the vines, and w_____ to make it fruitful!

III - We are the branches. There are two Kinds of Branches: (Verse 2)

IV - Branches that bear N_____ Fruit (Verse 2&6)

Continuation of what started in Chapter 13. J_____

Not all who follow Jesus, or profess to be Christians are t_____ believers

Matthew 7:17-20; John 6:66-67; Matthew 7:21; 1 John 2:19

We ought to e_____ our faith at times. **Phil 2:12 ; 2 Cor 13:5**

We can and ought to have an a_____ of our salvation **(Verses 3&4)**

A very real j_____ for those who don't know Jesus! **2 Thess 1:7-9**

V – Branches that b_____ Fruit!

You can not be a Christian and N_____ produce Fruit

Q: What is the Fruit of being a genuine follower of Jesus:

i) Righteous l_____ **Phil 1:11.**

ii) Christlike C_____ **Gal 5:19-23.**

iii) Service and w_____ for God. **Eph 2:10; Jam 2:14&26.**

iv) Leading others to J_____, Making D_____ **Rom 1:13.**

v) P_____ God! **Heb 13:15.**

Q: What can I do to ensure I produce Fruit?

i) Genuine repentance & faith in Jesus. **Matthew 3:8**

Recognizing & confessing our sinfulness, our great need of Jesus, His work on the cross for us, a genuine change of mind, heart, and lifestyle!

ii) Submit to the p_____ work of God in our lives. **Rom 8:28-30**

God uses two things mostly. Our C_____. His W_____

iii) R_____ in Him. **(Verses 4-5).**

Personal Study & Small Group Questions

1. Q: How Much of a Gardner are you? Have you ever done any work with growing vines or grapes? What have you learned?

2. Read Verses 1-8. Q: Why do you think Jesus uses A Vine or a Vineyard as a metaphor of our relationship with Him?

3. Q: Why do you think Jesus said that He was the “TRUE” Vine? How is God the Vine keeper?

4. Read Verses 2&6 again. Q: What does Jesus say about the branches that bear no fruit? **Q:** How do these verses make you feel? Why?

5. Q: Do you agree or disagree with the statements that Judas was not a true follower of Jesus & that Not all who follow Jesus or claim to be Christians are true believers?

6. Read 2 Corinthians 13:5 & Philippians 2:12 Q: What do these verses mean? **Q:** How do we “examine” our faith or “work out” our salvation? **Q:** Do you think you have ever done this or had these moments in your Christian Life?

7. Q: What does Jesus say about the Branches that bear Fruit? **Q:** How would you define “Fruit”? **Q:** Do you agree or disagree with the statement “You can not be a Christian and Not bear Fruit”?

8. Read through the list of types of “Fruit”. Q: Have you seen any of these in your life? **Q:** Which one do you struggle with the most? Why?

9. Read Matthew 3:8. Q: Do you believe that you experienced genuine faith & repentance? Why?

10. Read Romans 8:28-30. Q: What has God used in your live to “Prune” you? A Circumstance? A Bible verse or passage? How did you get through it?

11. Q: Is there a time in your life you struggled with walking away from Jesus? Why (disobedience, disappointment)? What kept you or brought you back?

12. Read Verses 9-17 Q: Do you find it easy or hard to maintain a close, intimate and present relationship with Jesus? Why? How?