

Vision Sunday Part 1: Remaining in Jesus

John 15:1-8

1. Share an experience of trying to grow a plant (or nurture something).

Read John 15:1-8

2. What do you think each part of Jesus' vine imagery represents? (i.e. vine, gardener, branches, fruit, etc.)


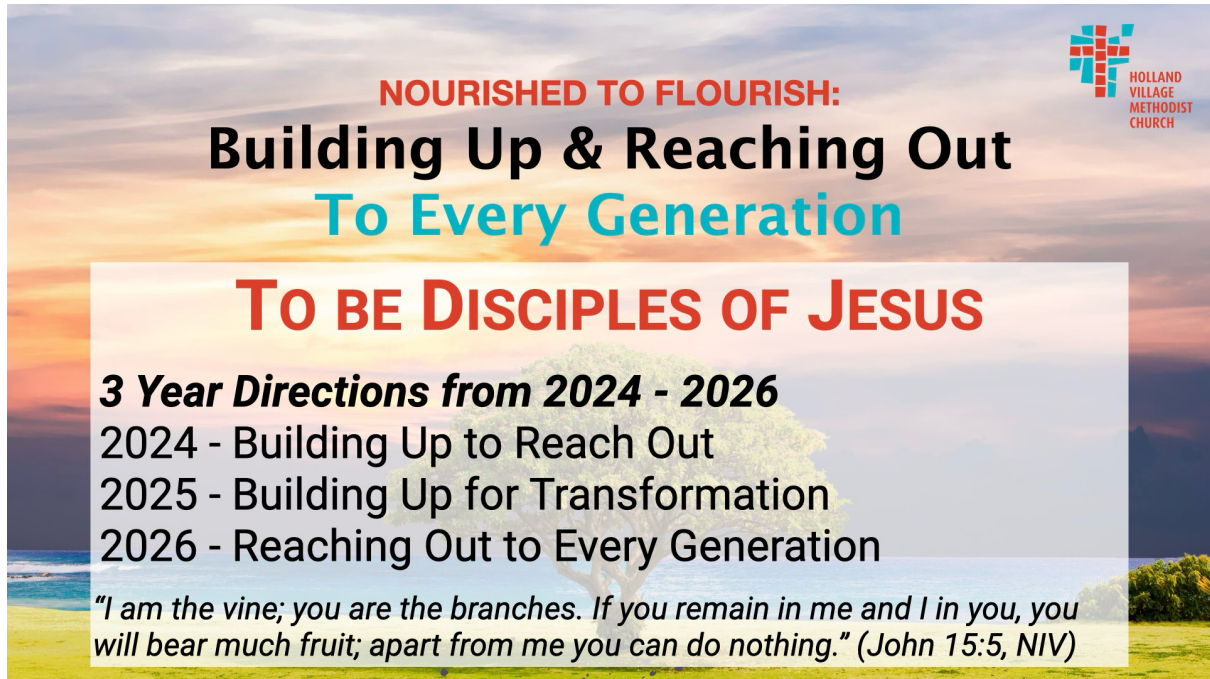
3. Ps Jeremy suggested that there are four ways that we can show ourselves to be disciples of Jesus, (1) *Remain in God's Word*, (2) *Remain in Community*, (3) *Remain in Christ's Mission* and; (4) *Remain in the Holy Spirit*. Which one do you find the easiest and which the hardest?

4. Read John 15:9-17. How do you think you can *Remain in Community* by growing in your love for others in our church this year?

5. Read John 4:31-38. What do you understand by Jesus saying, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work?" What is God's work?

6. Our new vision verse is John 15:5 (NIV), "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." Take some time now to each memorise this verse.

Use the following steps [taken from *Disciple I Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study: Teacher Helps: 2nd Edition*]. (1) Have someone read the verse aloud; (2) Read the verse together aloud; (3) With partners repeat the verse to one another; (4) Have volunteers to recite the verse from memory. (5) As a group, recite the verse from memory.



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