
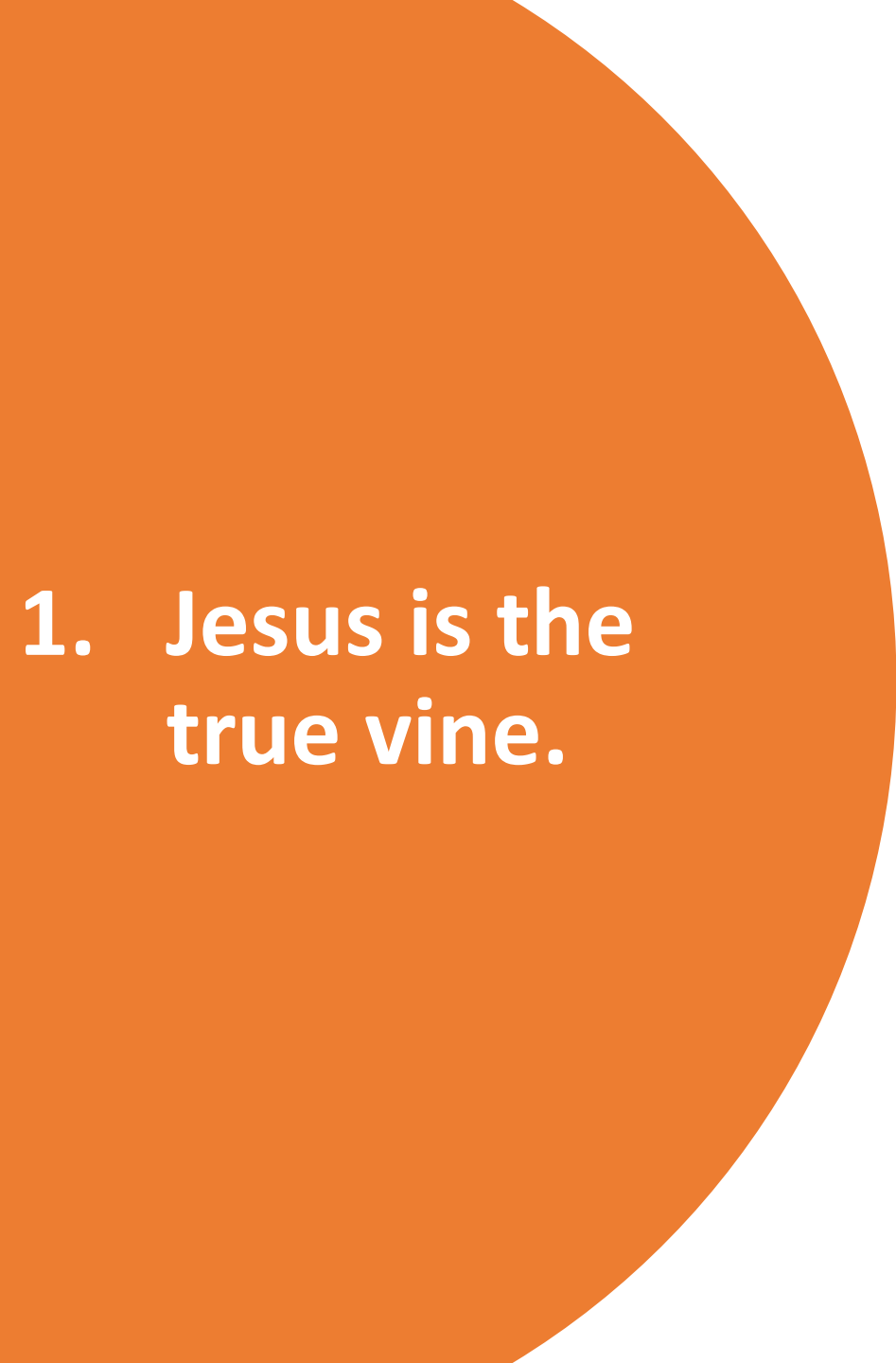


HEROES
OF HOPE



The Branches

John 15:1-11



1. Jesus is the true vine.

Jn. 15:1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. (ESV)

Bloodline through Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is no longer the connection needed to know God. John 1:11-12

There are many "vines" today that seek to offer purpose, meaning, and life. They are false vines.

2. God is the gardener.

Jn. 15:1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. (ESV)

The gardener is responsible for tending the vineyard so that the branches bear fruit.

Branches without fruit must be cut off. Branches that bear fruit must be pruned to bear more fruit.

3. Believers are the branches. Branches are responsible to abide in the vine.

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. (Jn. 15:5 ESV)

The presence of fruit on the branch tells the story.

For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, (2 Cor. 2:15 ESV)

4. Fruit is the fragrance, the by-product, of abiding in Christ.

Galatians 5:22

John 15:11-13

John 15:26-27

- How can I be born again today?

**Believe in
Jesus as
savior.**

**Surrender to
his leadership
in my life.**

**Follow him,
rather than
myself or
others.**