

Suggested Resources

Below is a list of resources that will help you dig deeper into the topic preached about this morning:

- Bruce Wilkinson - *Secrets of the Vine: Breaking Through to Abundance* → this week's "Pastor's Pick"
- Heidi Baker - *Birthing the Miraculous*
- Mark Buchanan - *The Rest of God: Restoring Your Soul by Restoring Sabbath*
- Daily Moravian Texts
<http://www.moravian.org/todays-daily-text/daily-text/>

Suggested Bibles

We teach from the Bible on Sundays and encourage you to read the Bible throughout the week. Here are a few recommended versions of it:

- **Quest Study Bible (NIV translation)**
Read and understand the Bible like never before! This unique Bible addresses the common, uncommon, and perplexing questions people ask about Scripture, right as you read it! Passages that puzzle will snap into clarity.
- **Teen Study Bible**
This bestselling Bible keeps up with you! As an on-the-go teen, you're moving fast. God is moving faster! The NIV Teen Study Bible will help you keep in step with all He has done, is doing, and will do in the world -- and in your life.
- **Kids Quest Study Bible (NIV translation)**
All 66 books of the Bible translated into a reader-friendly version for kids ages 6-9. Plus it has over 500 questions children ask about the Bible, about their world, and about God. It speaks their language and answers their questions in a way they can understand.

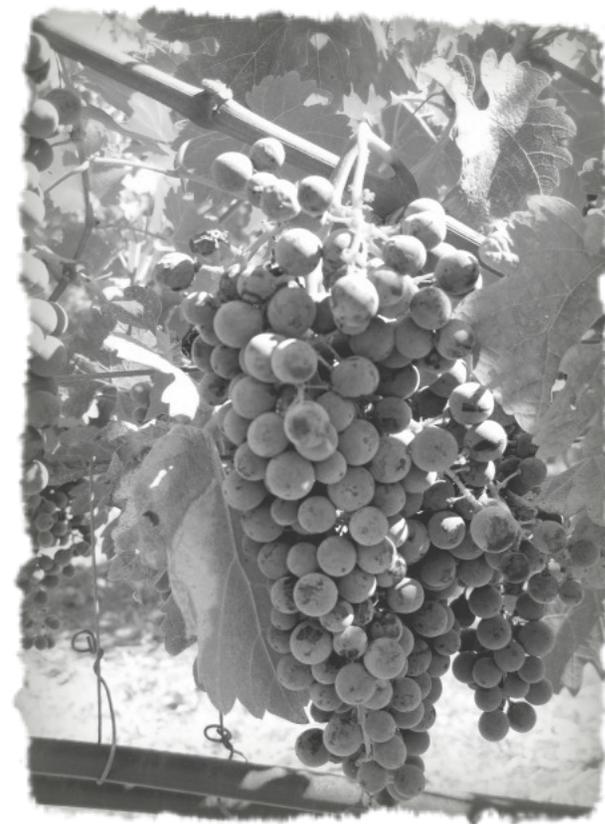
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"Grape" Expectations

Week 8 of Series: The Power of Now
May 22, 2016

We want people to encounter God - not just "go to church." That is why today's 75-minute service will include an in-depth Bible teaching, communion, worship (feel free to stand or sit as we sing), and an opportunity to receive 1-on-1 prayer.

“Grape” Expectations

Dan Kopp (lead pastor - The Eastside Vineyard Church)

Notes:

Digging Deeper Questions

In our fast-paced culture, it's easy to be impacted by the sermon you hear at church on Sunday... only to forget about it by Monday. To make this message “stick” we created these Digging Deeper Questions so you can process and apply what you heard at church. Take some time this week to go through these questions by yourself, in your small group, with a friend, your family, or your roommate.

1. Icebreaker #1: What are some things you love to stay “connected” to on a daily or weekly basis? It could be your favorite sports team, a certain website, friends, your cell phone, or something else altogether. Have fun with this question!
2. Icebreaker #2: How often do you find yourself thinking to yourself or saying out loud: “I am so busy.” Do you believe Americans (you?) tend to wear busyness as a badge of honor? Why or why not?
3. Is there anything you heard in this week’s sermon or experienced in this week’s service that was an “a ha” moment, something significant for you?
4. Read John 15:1-17, preferably in the New King James Version of the Bible. What stood out to you as you read that passage?
5. In *Secrets of the Vine* Bruce Wilkinson writes, “To ‘abide’ means to remain, to stay closely connected, to settle in for the long term. With this picture Jesus is showing the disciples how an ongoing, vital connection with Him will directly determine the amount of His supernatural power is at work in their lives.” Why do you think Jesus chose this command -- to abide -- as some of His final words before He went to the Cross?
6. In *Birth of the Miraculous* Heidi Baker writes: “I felt [God] told me, ‘I want more time with you. I am going to have to cut away the things in your schedule that are not important to Me.’” If God said those words to you, what things can you imagine He’d ask you to stop doing so that you’d have more time for abiding (staying closely connected to Jesus)?
7. If you choose to press into “abiding in Jesus” what are some barriers and obstacles you’ll need to overcome to make this a reality?
8. Which “Abiding” Action Steps listed below do you feel a nudge to try in order to establish a better connection to the Vine that is Jesus:
 - Read, pray, meditate, journal, and memorize John 15:1-17
 - Take Jesus with you wherever you go
 - Let God do some calendar surgery
 - Read *Secrets of the Vine* by Bruce Wilkinson
 - Use the Moravian Daily Texts (see Suggested Resources)
 - Give yourself permission to spend lots of time with God
 - Accept God’s invitation to take a Sabbath DayWhy did you pick the ones you did? What is your game plan to put these thoughts in action?

Key Passage:

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. - John 15:4-5 (NKJV)