St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2024! Leading to Worship Sunday, April 28, 2024

Reading: John 15:1-8

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! EBC also has a video component on the St. John's website and St. John's You Tube channel. This week's video brings us to a Community Garden in Savage, MN, thinking about Jesus the vine! Click here: <u>https://youtu.be/fqUx3WRcAbY</u> Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two guestions, and one action step!

Three Points

- In John 15, Jesus describes himself as the true vine. God is the vinegrower, and we are the branches. Jesus makes clear that we are meant to "bear fruit," by staying connected to Jesus, and with his help.
- "If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you." (John 15:7)
- "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples." (John 15:8)

Two Questions

- What do you think that the words of John 15:7 mean? Are we really "rewarded" with whatever we wish when we abide in Jesus and his word abides in us? If you are keeping Jesus' words in your heart, are you really going to ask for fame, or riches, or power for your own sake?
- What does it mean that God is "glorified" by our abiding in Jesus and bearing fruit? With all the awesome things God does, can you picture anything you have done that helps show how great and awesome God is? Do you believe that through Jesus, you have such an amazing ability to impact the world and display God's love?

Action Step

• Jesus is with you, and his words are in your heart! Do an amazing thing this week to glorify God! You can do it – Jesus already said so!

Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!