Antigo Community Church – March 17, 2024

Title: Dwell

Text: John 15:1-17

John 14:1-3

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many dwelling places (rooms); if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”

John 14:6

“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

John 14:27

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

Scripture Reading

John 15:1-17 (NIV)

Isaiah 5:1-7

“I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines… Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit… Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge and it will be destroyed… The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are the garden of his delight. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness and heard cries of distress.”

Jeremiah 2:21

“I had planted you (Israel) like a choice vine of sound and reliable stock. How then did you turn against me into a corrupt, wild vine?”

John 13:10

“A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.”

John 15:5

“…If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

Remain – stay, speaks more to position

Abide – sit, rest

Dwell – draw deeply from

Because we dwell, we have life.

John 15:5

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains (dwells) in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit…”

John 15:8

“This is to my Father’s glory that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”

John 15:16

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last.”

The branches are not the source of the fruit, just the conduit.

Because we dwell, He will produce fruit, much fruit in us.

John 15:7, 16

“If you remain (dwell) in my and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father’s glory that you bear much fruit… go and bear fruit – fruit that will last. So that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.”

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