

Thirsty

Week 3: Remain in Me.

Main Scriptures:

Matthew 5:6 (NIV), Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Matthew 5:20 (NLT), But I warn you—unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven!

Matthew 23:1-7 (NLT), **1** Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, **2** The teachers of religious law and the Pharisees are the official interpreters of the law of Moses. **3** So practice and obey whatever they tell you, but don't follow their example. For they don't practice what they teach. **4** They crush people with unbearable religious demands and never lift a finger to ease the burden.

5 Everything they do is for show. On their arms they wear extra wide prayer boxes with Scripture verses inside, and they wear robes with extra long tassels. **6** And they love to sit at the head table at banquets and in the seats of honor in the synagogues. **7** They love to receive respectful greetings as they walk in the marketplaces, and to be called Rabbi.

John 15:1-8 (NLT), **1** I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. **2** He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. **3** You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. **4** Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, & you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

5 Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. **6** Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. **7** But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! **8** When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.
