

Sunday 18th May 2025

Isaiah 5: Love song lament

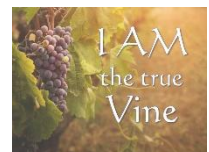
1. Lament over God's vineyard (v.1-7)



2. The rotten fruit of God's vineyard (v.8-24)



3. Judgement and hope for God's vineyard (v.25-30)



Questions for our Growth Groups and personal reflection

1. Lament over God's vineyard – Read v.1-7.

Why have so many love songs been written throughout history? Why are songs so powerful in expressing love?

What does this love song describe and how is it also a parable?

What fruit did God hope for from his people but instead what did he find?

As Christians, why do we sometimes produce bad fruit which isn't from God?

Was God's reaction in v.5-6 like the revenge of a jilted lover or not?

2. The rotten fruit of God's vineyard – Read v.8-24.

Describe how bad fruit was produced by:

- The materialists (v.8-10)
- The hedonists (v.11-17)
- The mockers (v.18-21)
- The influencers (v.22-24)

How might we fall into the trap of being like these people, even while maintaining our religious habits?

3. Judgement and hope for God's vineyard – Read v.25-30.

How was God going to bring judgement on his people for their sin?

When the phrase at the end of v.25 repeated in chapter 10:4, who will be the recipient of God's anger (see 10:5 onwards)? Why does this (see also 10:25) bring hope for God's people?

How does Jesus' parable of the tenants (Matthew 21:33-45) and teaching about the true vine (John 15:1-17) bring warning but also lasting hope?

What fruit is Jesus growing in your life and what other fruit do you desire him to grow in you?