

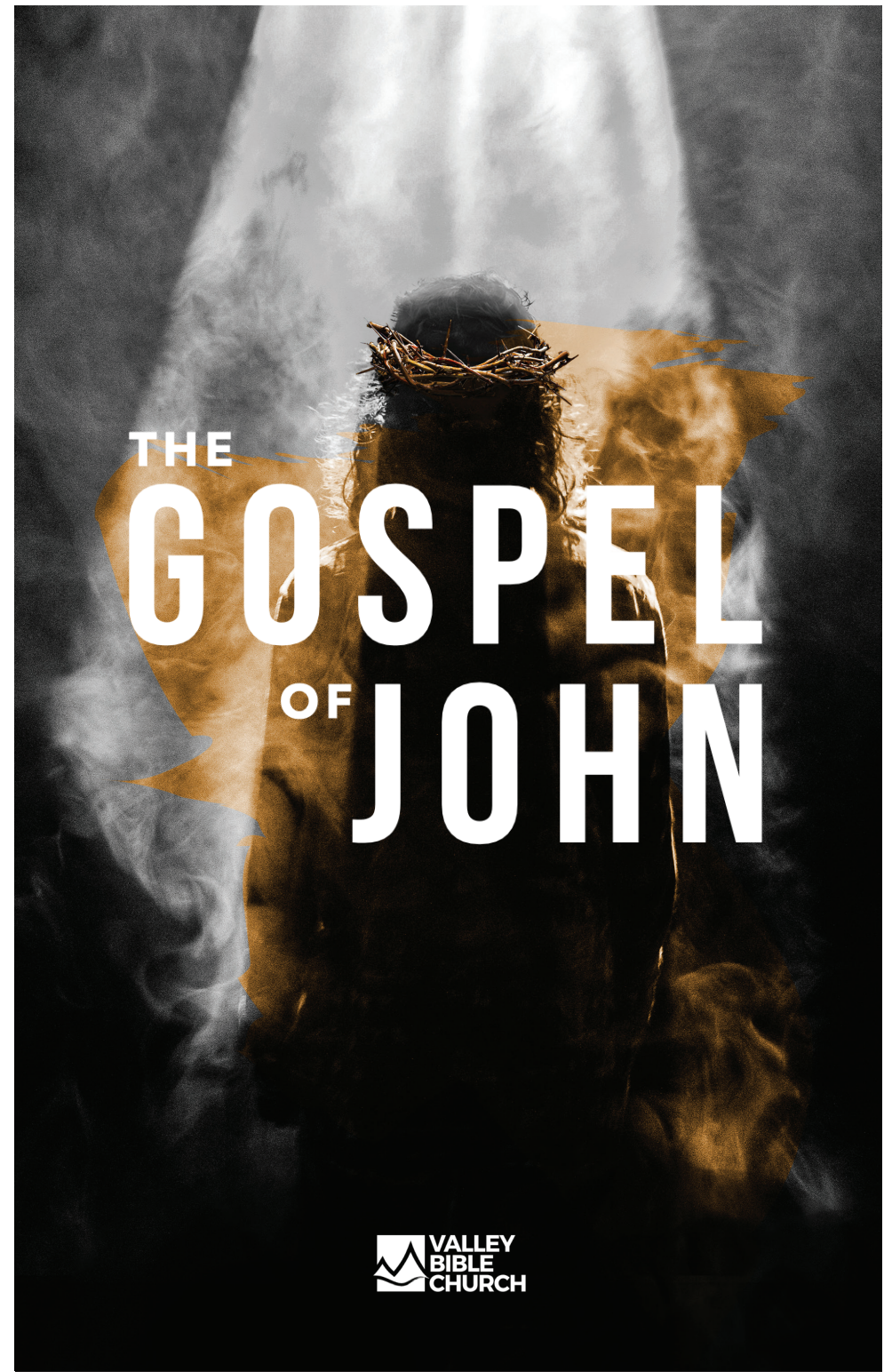
*Week of May 2, 2021*

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Describe briefly in your own words the proper role of the vine, the branches, and the vinedresser in a healthy garden.
3. The roles of Jesus and God the Father are clearly seen in this passage. What role does the Holy Spirit play in a healthy garden?
4. What does 'pruning' (vs 2) look like in the life of a believer? What does it not look like? Hebrews 12:4-11, Revelation 3:19, and Proverbs 3:11-12 may shed additional light on the topic.
5. Describe a time when you felt the pruning of God in your life. What was the result?
6. What signs or symptoms would you expect to see in a person or church which functioned actively, but was actually disconnected from the true vine?
7. Our passage clearly shows the importance of fruit in the life of a believer. Using passages like Galatians 5:22-23 and Philippians 1:9-11, describe what that fruit looks like in practice.
8. The word "abide" occurs seven times in this passage. How would you describe a life abiding in Christ to someone unfamiliar with scripture?

## UPCOMING EVENTS

[spokanevbc.org/events](http://spokanevbc.org/events)

May 6-8	June 13	June 29-July 1
<b>NICS CLASS</b>	<b>CHURCH BEHIND THE CHURCH</b>	<b>SEWING CAMP</b>
July 19-23	August 4-8	August 12-15
<b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</b>	<b>BASE CAMP</b>	<b>FAMILY CAMP</b>



## ABIDE IN ME

John 15:1-8 / Chris Martin / May 2, 2021

The \_\_\_\_\_ of Abiding (1-3)

The \_\_\_\_\_ of Abiding (4-6)

The \_\_\_\_\_ of Abiding (7-8)

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH TOUR OF ISRAEL, MAY 11-24, 2022

Please join us for this once-in-a-lifetime trip to the Holy Land. This tour is hosted by our own Rex and Kathy Moody. Interested? Call (949) 633-2126 or email [kmoody615@aol.com](mailto:kmoody615@aol.com).

## NICS CONFERENCE

The Northwest Institute of Christian Studies is pleased to invite you to a **free** conference entitled *A Brave New Religion: Standing Firm in an Anti-Christian Age*. An increasing number of church leaders and scholars are recognizing that the current cocktail of cultural issues facing the church pose the greatest threat to the Gospel in more than a generation. Join us for this weekend of sound teaching as we welcome back Dr. E.D. Burns. He brings many years of experience watching these issues unfold both locally and around the world. The free conference is May 6-8 here at VBC. Register at [spokanevbc.org/events](http://spokanevbc.org/events).

## ELDER CONSIDERATION FOR CALEB KLONTZ

The elders of VBC would like to commend to you Caleb Klontz for your consideration for the office of elder. Our appointment process includes three weeks of input from the congregation regarding Caleb. Please provide comments through the connection card, emails, or phone.

## VBC KIDS SUMMER VOLUNTEERS

VBC Kids will be following *The Travel Guide to the Beatitudes* this summer during Sunday School. Summer is busy for everyone with vacations but if you can teach or help in a classroom this summer (ages 3 to 5th grade) even if it's just a couple of weeks out of the summer please contact [jennifer@spokanevbc.org](mailto:jennifer@spokanevbc.org).

## VBS 2021 VOLUNTEERS

Vacation Bible School's Mystery Island will be held July 19-23, 9 am - 12:15 pm for ages 4 to 5th grade. Registration begins June 7. If you are interested in volunteering this year we have lots of different areas you can help in (volunteers of all ages welcome from 6th grade in the Fall and up). Contact Lisa Wilson at [wilsonlisa763@gmail.com](mailto:wilsonlisa763@gmail.com).

## TUESDAY MORNING LIFE GROUP

We want to let you know about a new day-time Life Group we are working on starting up. It will be led by Don Beydler and will meet at the church on Tuesdays at 10 am. If you are interested and would like to get signed up or want more information please email Nancy Hodge ([lifegroups@spokanevbc.org](mailto:lifegroups@spokanevbc.org)) or connect with Caleb Klontz!

## MEAL TRAIN FOR CAROL MURRAY

Carol suffered 2 major strokes April 9th & 10th. She was left completely paralyzed on the left side of her body. After several weeks at St Luke's Rehab Institute she has made small improvements and will be coming home May 5th! Please consider volunteering to make meal for her and Paul at [mealtrain.com/trains/847o74](http://mealtrain.com/trains/847o74).

## MEN'S BREAKFAST CHANGE

Instead of the regular Men's Breakfast this month, the Men's ministry will be providing lunch this Saturday for the NICS class.

## OUR MISSION

As we proclaim biblical truth, we cultivate relationships that are intimate with Christ, active in the Church, & loving the community.

### GIVING REPORT

General: April \$71,934 / YTD \$352,378  
Building Fund: Given \$1,150,283 / Loan Remaining Balance \$308,644