

Never be the Same

Isaiah 5:1-30

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01 Think back to your childhood - did your parents provide everything that you needed? Were there things you lacked or missed out on? What kinds of expectations did they have for you and how did your life match up to their expectations?

02 Read Isaiah 5:1-7.

03 In this parable, who owns the vineyard, and who represents the vineyard?

04 In what ways did God provide for Israel up until the time of Isaiah? Did Israel lack anything from God?

05 What fruit was God expecting to “pick” from his vineyard? Who is responsible for the fruit that was produced, God or Israel?

06 Think about our lives today.

a. What is the good fruit that God seeks from his people?

Look up the following verses and discuss.

John 15:16-17

Matthew 3:7-10

Colossians 1:9-12

Galatians 5:13-26

b. Do you think you are “producing a good crop”? How about our own church?

07 Read Isaiah 5:8-24. These six woes give more detail about the bad fruit that God finds. For each woe, ask the following:

a. What behaviour or attitude is God speaking against?

b. Where do we see people acting like that today?

c. If God were to transform this behaviour for his glory, what would it look like?

08 Read Isaiah 5:25-30. What type of judgement is approaching and what is being emphasised by Isaiah?

09 In their prosperity Israel forgot who they were and what they were meant to produce. In what ways can we guard against this happening in our faith and also as a church?

10 Pray for each other.