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Series: The Story, Ch. 7, Pt. 1

Sermon: What Does God Expect?

Text: Isaiah 5:1-7

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Isaiah 5:1-7
 - According to vv1-4, why did God establish Israel?
 - According to vv5-6, how important is it that God's people bear fruit?
 - According to v7, what kinds of fruit is God expecting? Why those particular fruits?

2. Read John 15:1-17.
 - Who came to be that which Israel refused to be?
 - Who came to do that which Israel would not do?
 - How important is it that God's people bear fruit?
 - What kinds of fruits is God expecting? Why those particular fruits?
 - What can you do to guarantee fruit-bearing?

3. Read Isaiah 5:8-23. Israel was engaged in:
 - Greed; they worshipped the god of more and better. (8-10)
 - Self-indulgence; they worshipped the god of pleasure. (11-17)
 - Cynicism; they thought they knew it all. (18-19)
 - Moral perversion/relativism; they made their own rules. (20-21)
 - Social injustice; they did not protect the innocent. (22-23)

How much of these things describe modern culture as we know it? Which of these do you engage in or are tempted to do so? Explain.

4. Read Matthew 3:7-8 and Galatians 5:22-24. What has repentance looked like in your life? Does true repentance always result in fruit-bearing? Explain.