



HOW TO UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE

Revisiting John 15:1-17 (ESV)

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

1. OBSERVATION: WHAT DOES IT SAY?
2. INTERPRETATION: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
3. CORRELATION: WHAT OTHER VERSES EXPLAIN IT?
4. APPLICATION: WHAT WILL I DO ABOUT IT?

BASIC RULES OF INTERPRETATION:

1. Read the Passage (John 15:1-17)

(Read slowly. Note repetition or emphasis)

2. Consider the Context

(Who is speaking? To whom? When? Why?)

3. Define the Key Words

(Example: abide, fruit, love)



4. Let Scripture Interpret Scripture

(Use clear passages to explain unclear ones)

5. Look for the Most Obvious Meaning First

(What is Jesus plainly saying?)

PERSONAL APPLICATION:

Which type of branch best describes my life right now?

(Abiding? Being pruned? Near but not connected? Bearing much fruit?)

What is one step I can take this week to abide more fully in Christ?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, 1/18, 12:15PM: Club 56 Social

Wed, 1/21, 7:27PM: Impact Youth Group

Wed, 1/21, 7:30PM: TKC Community Group

Thurs, 1/22, 7PM: Re-Engage Marriage Group

Fri, 1/23, 10AM: MOMS Ministry

Fri, 1/23: National March for Life / Wash, DC

Sun, 1/25, 12:30PM: Senior's Fellowship Lunch @ Panera



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