

Sermon Title: Follow Me- Abide in Jesus

Sermon Scripture: John 15:1-11



Sermon Discussion Guide (8/10)

Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

Scripture

Read John 15:1-11 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

Observation

In these verses, who does Jesus say that He is? Who does Jesus say that we are? What is the relationship between Jesus and us?

In verse 2, what does it mean for the Father to prune the branches? How does pruning lead to deeper abiding?

In verses 4-6, what is the contrast between branches that abide in Jesus and branches that do not abide in Jesus?

In verses 9-10, what is the relationship between love and obedience? How do love and obedience lead to abiding?

Application

Have you ever tried to live the Christian life in your own strength, without abiding in Jesus? What did that season look like? How did it affect your spiritual life?

My relationship with Jesus is sustained by obedience. Why do you think it can be easy for us to separate our relationship with Jesus from the way we live our lives? How can this self-imposed separation keep you from living in obedience to Jesus?

My relationship with Jesus is rooted in the spiritual practices. Out of the three spiritual practices mentioned in the sermon (Scripture, prayer, and sabbath) which one do you most naturally gravitate toward? Which one are you the most unfamiliar with?

Mattie concluded the sermon by asking, “Are you abiding in Jesus or are you trying to bear fruit on your own?” How would you answer this question? What is God saying to you through this question? What will you do about it?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, You are the True Vine and we thank You that You have graciously called us to abide in You. Forgive us for the times when we have tried to bear fruit apart from You, thinking that our own strength could lead to fruit. Teach us how to abide in You, to receive Your grace, to walk in obedience, and to live out the spiritual practices. We surrender ourselves to You again, and with You working through us, we pray that we would bear fruit for Your Kingdom. Amen.