

# 2025 *spring* bible studies

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## Abide in Me - John 15

### John 15:

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. 9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. 17 This is my command: Love each other.

### Abide definition

- (a) of place, metaphorically is said of God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, believers, the Word of God, the truth
- (b) of time; it is said of believers, Christ, the Word of God, sin, cities, bonds and afflictions
- (c) of qualities; faith, hope, love, Christ's love, afflictions, brotherly love, the love of God, the truth
- "to remain in a place instead of leaving it, to stay behind,"

### Fullness of Abiding in Scripture:

In Your \_\_\_\_\_, there is \_\_\_\_\_ness of joy. - Psalm 16:11



1 The Lord is my shepherd; I have what I need.

2 He \_\_\_\_\_ me lie down in green pastures; he \_\_\_\_\_ me beside quiet waters.

3 He renews my life; he leads me along the right paths for his name's sake. - Psalm 23

About midnight Paul and Silas were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Acts 16:25

### Fullness of Abiding in meditation and action:

- What does psychology say about abiding with God?
  - Psychological Benefit: When individuals face life's inevitable difficulties, abiding in God can serve as a strong coping mechanism. Religious beliefs often offer comfort and a framework for understanding and processing grief, loss, or trauma.
  - Fact: Studies have shown that religious individuals report higher levels of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ when confronted with challenging life events.
- Liturgical practices/devotion every moment in prayer
  - Where do I start? What are helpful resources? Every Moment Holy  @everymomentholly
  - What is God's will/what does He command?  everymomentholly.com
  - 1 Thessalonians 5:17 - Always be \_\_\_\_\_. Never stop \_\_\_\_\_. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus
  - Romans 12:9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be \_\_\_\_\_ in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in \_\_\_\_\_. 13 Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality..

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## Pray through Psalm 86:4-7:

4 Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
listen to my plea for grace.

7 In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.

## Takeaway Tips:

- Set yourself up for success - Screen Time Limits, widgets from the Bible App or Bible Chat App, write or print and laminate (if you feel like adding a special touch) flashcards with Scripture to place around your house, car, workplace, etc.
- Have filtered, encouraging music playing (trash in, trash out)
- Find an accountability partner - ask how they are feeding their flesh, soul, and others.
  - Flesh - what do they struggle with, where do they fall short. Soul - where do you practice abiding with God (in music, in Scripture, in prayer, etc.) where are we meditating on God's Word day and night like a tree planted by water that will never run dry (Psalm 1). Others - how are we feeding others (serving, evangelizing, loving, showing hospitality to, etc. to our neighbors).
- Get plugged into the local church (Sunday morning, connect groups, serving, etc.)

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STEP 1: Sincerely Seek Him! Hebrews 11:6

STEP 2: Believe and Receive. Ephesians 2:8

STEP 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Me. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus! Luke 9:23

STEP 4: Develop Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_

STEP 5: Wait patiently, being joyfully present. 1 Thessalonians 5:16

Group Activity: {Song: Abide by The Worship Initiative - 6:45}

Pray through this song, circle lyrics you want to implement and practice.

What one thing will you do this week to remain in God's presence?

How can we encourage one another to remain in God's presence?

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**Ways to Connect:** (Check for upcoming events, information & encouragement!)



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## Momentary Liturgies for Practicing the Presence of God

### UPON SEEING A BEAUTIFUL PERSON

Lord, I praise you for divine beauty reflected in the form of this person.

Now train my heart so that my response to their beauty would not be twisted downward into envy or desire, but would instead be directed upward in worship of you, their Creator— as was your intention for all such beauty before the breaking of the world.

### UPON TASTING A PLEASURABLE FOOD

For the infinite variety of your creative expression, I praise you, O God. You have made even the necessary act of eating a nurturing comfort and a perpetual delight.

### UPON EXPERIENCING CHEERING LAUGHTER

I praise you, O God, for these inexplicable gifts of mirth and merriment and laughter, delighting in such foretaste of the wellsprings of eternal joy that ever bubble and flow within your glad Trinity.

### UPON RANDOMLY THINKING OF ANOTHER PERSON

God, as I hold \_\_\_\_\_ a moment in my thoughts, I ask that you would hold them eternally in yours, remaining ever at work in their heart and life, even now directing their paths toward your good ends.

### UPON BEING MOVED BY A SONG OR A PIECE OF MUSIC

O Lord, let such melodies penetrate my heart's defenses, gently revealing old wounds unto their eventual healings, gently stirring eternal longings unto the restoration of hope.

or

Tune my heart, my mind, my life, to voice your melodies, O God.

### UPON HEARING BIRDSONG

You draw praise from the frailest of things.

So also draw praise from me.

### UPON SIGHTING A FLOWER IN BLOOM

O Lord who so lavishly adorns the fields, how radiant must your eternal glories be!

### UPON AN UNEXPECTED SIGHTING OF WILDLIFE

O Christ who sustains all wild creatures, care also for me, thy child.

### UPON OBSERVING A TREE SWAYING IN WIND

O Spirit of God who moves in mystery unseen,  
so move now in my heart.

### UPON FEELING THE PLEASANCE OF A WARM SHOWER

Thank you, O Lord, for gifts of water and warmth, and for the cleansing and comfort you offer both body and soul.

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## Lyrics to Abide by The Worship Initiative

For my waking breath, for my daily bread  
I depend on You, I depend on You  
For the sun to rise, for my sleep at night  
I depend on You, I depend on You

You're the way, the truth and the life  
You're the well that never runs dry  
I'm the branch and You are the vine  
Draw me close and teach me to abide

Where the Spirit leads as I'm following  
I depend on You, yes I depend on You  
For the victories still in front of me  
I depend on You, yes I depend on You

You're the way, the truth and the life  
You're the well that never runs dry  
I'm the branch and You are the vine  
Draw me close and teach me to abide  
Be my strength, my song in the night  
Be my all, my treasure, my prize  
I am Yours forever You're mine  
Draw me close and teach me to abide

When I pass through death as I enter rest  
I depend on You, I depend on You  
For eternal life to be raised with Christ  
I depend on You, I depend on You

You're the way, the truth and the life  
You're the well that never runs dry  
I'm the branch and You are the vine  
Draw me close and teach me to abide  
Be my strength, my song in the night  
Be my all, my treasure, my prize  
I am Yours forever You're mine  
Draw me close and teach me to abide

I depend on You, I depend on You