

JOHN

15:1-11

ABIDE

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Big Idea: Disciples _____ because they _____ in Christ

1. The _____ of Abiding (v 1-3; cf Heb 12:10-11; John 13:10; Eph 5:25-27)

* What _____ needs to be _____ of my life?

2. The _____ of Abiding (v 4-6; cf Matt 12:33-37, 13:18-23; Luke 3:7-14; Gal 5:19-24)

* Is my life _____ by fruit that _____?

Challenge: Be cleansed by _____ in Jesus

3. The _____ of Abiding (v 7-11; cf Jas 1:22, 4:3; 2 Cor 3:18)



TABLETALK - Discussion Guide

Please use this discussion guide in your discipling relationships (like Lifegroup or family) to slow down, reflect on the sermon from God's Word together, and realign your life around following Jesus.

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Open in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to illuminate and fuel you to follow Jesus.

Read the text, and briefly review the main points of the sermon.

1. How can you know if you are a branch who hangs out with other believers (the church), or actually connected to Jesus, the vine? How would you counsel a friend who is wrestling with whether they are really a Christian?

2. Read James 1:2-4. Why does the Father prune branches connected to the vine? How does this change our perception of the painful trials of this life?

3. Read Matthew 7:15-20. What are you looking for to know whether you are bearing fruit? Is the fruit in your life artificial, temporary, or that which remains?

4. What are the different ways that you can be cleansed by Jesus? Are you being cleansed by Him?

5. Consider the promises of abiding mentioned in the text. Does your soul hunger for these things? Is there evidence of them in your life? If not, what needs to change?

6. What is one concrete thing you will do differently this week because of God's Word? Tell the group, so they can pray for you and follow up.

Close in prayer, surrendering whatever came to the surface. Throw yourself wholly upon Jesus, trusting His cleansing blood. Seek Him for the power to abide and bear fruit that remains, for "it is God who works in you, both to will and to work, for His good pleasure." (Phil 2:13)