The New Normal… Walking in the Presence and Power of Jesus

Abiding in Christ… A Divine Partnership

Small Group Study Questions for the week of November 22-28

GETTING STARTED

When you think about the people in your life who are very strong believers and have deep faith, what stands out to you that they displayed about what it means to abide in Christ?

Take time to have someone in your group read John 15:1–17

DIGGING DEEP

1. According to John 15:1-2, 5; who are the key players in this passage? Why does the gardener prune the fruit bearing branches?

2. According to verse 5 and 8, how much fruit is Jesus interested in the disciples bearing or producing? When they get around to it? If they feel like it? How much of a priority do you feel this is to Jesus, and why?

3. What do you believe he means by "fruit"? What do the following versus teach us about fruit? In 15:8? In 13:34–35 and 1 John 3:18? In John 14:12–14? And in John 15:16 and John 4:31–36?

4. What aspect of fruit stands out the most to you and why? What do you feel prevents us from bearing that kind of fruit?

5. Jesus was getting his disciples ready to teach them the importance of the vine and the branches and abiding in him. What can we learn from the following verses about abiding in John 14:9–11? In 14:18–20? And in 14:22–23?

6. In John 15:4–5, 7; Jesus begins to emphasize the importance of abiding in him. What are some other synonyms for abiding in Christ? what advice can you give someone from these verses on how they could begin to abide in Jesus? See also John 14:13–14.

7. What can we learn from John 15:7 and 1 John 2:24, that will help us to regularly abide in Christ? How has this practice helped you to abide in Christ? Give an example from your own life or someone you know.

8. How does the truth from John 15:9–11 and 1 John 3:24 influence how we abide in Jesus?

A MATTER OF PRAYER

Take time in your group to pray for one another, that the Lord would help us to more consciously Abide in Christ in the coming week.

Next Week: The New Normal… Walking in the Presence and Power of Jesus Every Day