

The Heart of the Matter

12. As a branch on Christ's vine, how would you describe the fruit that is developing in your life right now? What kind of fruit would you like to see more?

13. What do you need to do to abide all the more in Christ? What is keeping you from doing so right now?

14. Who do you see around you that is wrestling with abiding in Christ? Are you a help or a hindrance to their abiding in Him? How could you be of more help to them right now?

15. Other than Jesus, who else has laid down their life for you? For whom do you need to lay down your life?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

Abide in Me!

John 15:1-16

For the Week of September 29, 2019

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

2. What kind of gardener are you: Green thumb with bumper crops? Brown thumb with blighted harvests? Indifferent? How so?

3. What plant best describes you now: Towering oak? Weeping willow? Tumbleweed? Crabapple tree? Explain.

Digging Deeper

4. How would you explain the meaning of Jesus' illustration regarding the vine and the branches in your own words?

5. What are the differences that Jesus presents in this passage regarding those who abide versus those who do not?

6. If vine branches were human lives, what pain could be associated with God's pruning in our lives? What tools does God sometimes use? What fruit could we see Him produce in and through us?

7. Jesus repeats "remain in me" (NIV) or "abide in me" (ESV) and "bear fruit." How are these phrases related? What is the "fruit that will last" that Jesus refers to in verse 16?

8. How do verses 9 and 12 tie together? How is love the essential dynamic of the Christian life?

9. How did your relationship with Jesus change once you started practicing His example of love? What is the hardest part about loving Jesus? Loving others?

10. What is the link between our obedience and our prayer life in this passage? V7, 16 (John 14:13-14)

11. Why is verse 13 such an important verse in reference to this whole passage? Why has this particular verse become the real hallmark of the overall Christian message? Jesus demonstrated this kind of love figuratively and actually. Who do you need to demonstrate this kind of love to figuratively?