

Suggested Discussion Questions for 11/28/2021

Abide (John 15:1-17)

1. Share something you've encountered recently that creates a good spiritual analogy.
2. Do you find connection with people easy or difficult? Why? How about with God?
3. Read through the passage together. What things most grab your attention? What questions arise?
4. Put yourself in the sandals of the disciples. These are some of Jesus' final words to them. How do you think they would have continued to reverberate in their minds?
5. Talk about the process of fruit bearing and how it is depicted in the text. Can you think of times when you have been lifted up, or pruned? How has that resulted in more fruit?
6. What do you see as the greatest obstacles to abiding in Christ? How do you cultivate a mindset of abiding?
7. How is obedience essential to abiding?
8. How do Jesus' words create a connection between fruit bearing, joy and love? How do you see those working out in your life?
9. Share your insights on the tension between activity and abiding. How is activity necessary? How may it get in the way of abiding?
10. Some people see the branches being taken away as either people losing salvation, or acting like they are saved but really are not. What did you learn in the message that suggests this is not the best understanding of this text? What other passages might support your view?
11. What stood out to you in this study that hasn't been addressed yet or you would like to discuss further?