

“It’s An Abiding Life ” Group Study

Season 4: Prepare Him Room, Week 3

Passage: John 15:1-17

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ICEBREAKER:

Would you consider yourself to have a green thumb and are good at making plants grow?

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John 15:1-17

When we **abide in Jesus** we **experience abundance**.

- The **grace** of **painful growth**.
- The **power** of **answered prayer**.
- The **gift** of **divine joy**.
- The **delight** of **loving community**.

Jesus came to **dwell with us** so that we could make our **home in him**.



Learning His Way

(Every week in these studies, we will ask questions about the Scriptures that try to help us Discover the unique Way of Jesus found in the text.)

1. Read John 15:1-17 (Try the Message paraphrase and see if it adds understanding.)
2. Read Isaiah 46:4 and 2 Peter 1:3. What do these verses reveal about Jesus that correspond with this teaching?



Forming His Heart

(This is the part of the study where we work on our own hearts. “How does my character need to grow and change because of this passage?”)

3. In your words, what does it mean to abide in something? How do we abide in Jesus?

4. If God is the vinedresser (some translations say gardener) is there some sort of loving discipline that you recognize as His care so that you would bear more fruit? (Read Hebrews 12:11).

5. What is the health of your prayer life? Are you seeing answered prayer both personally and in the prayers of your group?



Joining His Mission

(This is the part of the study that we ask, “What would God want us to do because of this passage?”)

6. One of the outcomes of abiding in Christ is participating in the delight of a loving community. Take a few moments and speak a blessing over someone in your group (or your group as a whole) who has made you experience His love and know Him more.

7. The Christmas season is about the presence of Jesus. Practice becoming aware of His presence by participating in spiritual practices. Visit the website for some to choose from: www.efcc.org/resources/.