

Fall 2020 Week 4 John 15:1-11

Logistics:

1. Communicate to elizabeth.hitch@2rc.tv who is an active member of your group and she will adjust your roster in Realm removing folks who have left your group and adding folks who have joined your group.

My Story

Get acquainted by responding briefly to the questions below.

- Describe a relationship from real life – a book – or movie that you deeply admire. Why?
- Where did you sense God working in or around you this week?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What caught your attention from John 15:1-11 or the weekend message?
2. Compare John 14:23, 15:4-5, & 1 John 3:23.
 - What does it mean to abide?
 - What do you regularly do to abide in Jesus?
 - What does it mean that the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit abide in you?
 - Why is it impossible to bear fruit 'that lasts' apart from the Trinity's power working in your life?
3. Reflect on Matthew 13:1-9; Philippians 1:9-11; Galatians 5:22-25.
 - What kind of fruit does the Father (vinedresser) desire?
 - Reflect on the past 2 weeks of your life – what fruit (good or bad) comes to mind?
 - Describe one of your most fruitful seasons and how you 'abided' during that time.
4. How have you experienced 'pruning'?
5. John 15:7,16; & James 5:16-18 what are the conditions for powerful prayer? *How do you suppose God responds to the prayers of unbelievers? Do any scripture passages that address this come to mind?*
6. How does abiding impact your joy & the way you love others?

Next Steps / Living It Out

Interact with the following questions, and then spend some time praying for each other either in big group or break into smaller groups (guys and gals or groups of 3).

- Where have you sensed God working in or around your life?
- What is God speaking to you as a result of this message & group time?
- How can the group pray for you?

Challenge.

Want joy, intimacy with God, power in prayer, & to love beautifully? Stay connected to Jesus!

Connected: The Art of Staying
The Art of Abiding
John 15:1-15

Big Idea: Staying connected to Jesus produces the life Jesus intends for me.

- Staying connected is active
- Staying connected produces fruit.
- Staying connected is where love grows.
- Staying connected is where I find true joy.

Next Steps:

Ask the Holy Spirit to bring to mind...

1. How has “pruning” in the past helped you grow?
2. When have you experienced joy by being connected to Jesus?
3. What makes you feel most connected to Jesus? Put it on your calendar to do that thing this week.