



small groups

Discussion Guide



Next Steps

John 15:1-8

Ice Breaker

(5 minutes)

Discuss

- The passage Mark talked about deals with grapevines, vineyards and horticulture. Have you ever worked in a garden or a farm? What do you like / dislike about gardening?
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Lesson Review

(45 minutes)

Read John 15:1-8

Mark pointed out three truths about Jesus' teaching in this passage.

1. Abiding in Jesus means we're connected to him. We can do nothing if we aren't connected to the vine.

Discuss

- How are you trying to stay connected to Jesus? Is it working or do you feel you need to make some adjustments?

2. Abiding in Jesus means we must be dependent on him. We must have boldness in trusting Jesus' power.

Mark pointed out that the kingdom of God is about accomplishing things over which we have no power. The Christian life requires a mix of devoted service and faithful dependence.

Discuss

- What "big prayers" are you praying these days? What are you working on that only God can accomplish?

3. Abiding in Jesus means we must continue to live out his commands. Don't get sidetracked; focus on the command to love.

Discuss

- It's not hard to obey a command to love people who are easy to love. Who is it hard for you to love?
 - What's one step you can take toward obedience to Jesus in relationship with them?
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Application

(10 minutes)

Abiding — Depending — Loving. Close by spend a few minutes in silent prayer, asking Jesus to reveal which of those actions you need to focus on this week.

