

Outline for 9/25:

3 hot tips to abide in Jesus, the true Vine...

- I. Jesus spent His **life** abiding in His Father. (10)
- II. Jesus calls us to **abide**. (1-5, 9)
- III. Abiding in Jesus (or not) has **consequences**. (6-8, 11)

Read John 15:1-11...

Some Questions:

- 1) How does Jesus keep His Father's commandments and abide in His love? Why is this an important starting point for our practice of abiding?

- 2) What is significant about this image of Jesus being the True Vine and we are the branches? How does being connected to Him as the true vine affect us?

- 3) Why do we not live in accordance with Jesus's words in v.5: "apart from Me, you can do nothing?" As aspects emerge, press for what repenting of these areas of self-sufficiency would look like?

- 4) What's significant in v.6 about NOT abiding in Jesus? Why does He use this image?

- 5) How does abiding inform prayer?

- 6) In what sense is abiding proof that we're His disciples? And, what are some of the residual fruit of abiding?

- 7) What are some applications for abiding that emerge out of this passage?

Prayer:

Update the things for which your small group is praying.

Continue to pray for and develop a list of unbelievers that you all can begin to pray about.

Encourage one another's hearts by encouraging abiding in Jesus.

Close in prayer admitting your dependence on Jesus and how without Him we can do nothing.