

Abide

Personal Bible Study

Week of February 26 – Being Sent (Engage in God’s Mission)

Daily Scripture reading: John 15:14-16

Key thought: We, as branches, are connected to the vine and we bear fruit. But, sometimes, we fail to make this connection! Jesus connects our *abiding* with *going*. We must not disconnect abiding from joining the mission and bearing fruit.

Directions: Read through the scripture reading. If you have the Bible App on your mobile device, try reading the passage in a different Bible version each day of the week as you pray and consider the following questions.

Follow-up questions:

Monday:

- What is the difference between a “servant” and a “friend”?
- How is your life now different from before you were a friend of Jesus?
 - Talk to a trusted friend/family member about this change and ask if they can see evidence of it in you.

Tuesday:

- In this passage, Jesus describes each of his disciples as “friend,” “chosen” and “appointed.”

- Write down these three words, and next to each write out what it means to you to be described that way by Jesus, himself.
- How does this passage prompt you to ABIDE in Him?

Wednesday:

- What God-given gifts and abilities do you have that help you fulfill God's mission?
- Is there anything holding you back from carrying out God's mission?
 - Pray to God that any barriers to fulfilling His mission are removed.

Thursday:

- Augustine said, "our hearts are restless until they rest in you."
 - Is there anything causing you to be restless this week?
- How is God inviting you to rest (to ABIDE) in Him this week?

Friday:

- Mark closed out his portion of the message this past weekend with the following prayer from the Lectio 365 app. Pray this prayer today:

*Father, help me to live this day to the full,
Being true to You, in every way.
Jesus, help me to give myself away to others,
Being kind to everyone I meet.
Spirit, help me to love the lost,
Proclaiming Christ in all I do and say.
AMEN!*