

Abide

Discussion Guide

Week of February 26 - Being Sent Fruitfulness

Scripture verse: [John 15:14-16](#)

LOOKING BACK: Last week you were challenged to pray for the Lord to reveal a person that needed connection with others. Even consider doing a random act of love or kindness. (Baked good, favorite snack, note of encouragement, text a prayer, write a sticky note, serve this person in a meaningful way). Who did you reach out to? How did it go?

If you didn't share with someone what obstacles kept you from sharing?

Try, as a group, to loosely create a running definition of the word "Abide". Write down the group's answer. Compare your current responses from 3 weeks earlier when the group constructed a working definition of the term Abide. Has the group's understanding deepened? (Has the group's practice of Abiding in Christ increased?)

LOOKING UP: What is Crossroads vision? Who can say it? Answer: "To live and love like Jesus" Spend a minute to hear what the group responds to these two questions:

- 1) What was Jesus' mission?

2) What did he recruit the disciples to do?

Jesus came to earth to bring people back to God. He trained the disciples to fish for people. Read the passage below and ask the four questions in the middle.

READ PASSAGE:
John 15:14-16
Answer the first 2 questions in the center

5. What stood out to you most?
6. What was challenging or hard to understand?
7. What does this teach us about people?
8. What does this teach us about God?

RE-READ SAME PASSAGE out of another bible translation then answer the last 2 questions

LOOKING FORWARD: What is the master's business? How well has the Church equipped you to do the master's business? Rate the Church's effectiveness in equipping you. Explain

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Church does not tell us about the mission

Church has offered some training

Church has given me enough training to do the mission

If the Lord has chosen us as followers to go bear fruit, what holds the church people back from doing the mission of Jesus?

1. We don't understand the mission.
2. We have not been asked to do the mission.
3. We don't like the mission.
4. We don't feel "called" to do the mission.
5. We don't feel prepared to do the mission.

Which question most fits where you're living? What do you need from Crossroads Christian Church in order to join Jesus' mission?

WRITE DOWN the answers each person in the group provides. Save it for next week's group.

As a group, take the next 3 minutes to encourage each person to pray privately asking the Lord to reveal a person that needs to learn about Abiding in Christ. After a minute of prayer... use the remaining 2 minutes to be still and listen to what the Holy Spirit says to your mind or heart.

Who do you need to reach out to... to talk about your relationship with Jesus and what it looks like to abide? Use these questions to guide your prayer each day:

- How are you abiding in God's Word and prayer?
- How is your abiding influencing your abiding, either positively or negatively?
- How is your abiding impacting your being sent—your obedience in living and loving like Jesus?