

Abide

Personal Bible Study

Week of February 19 - Being with Others (Growth in Community)

Daily Scripture reading: John 15:9-13

Key thought: We often think of "ABIDING" as a personal, private practice. However, Jesus is very clear that abiding in Him requires us to love others in the same way He has loved us; the result of living and loving this way is JOY.

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:

- Jesus loves you the same way His Father has loved Him.
 - How did God express His love for Jesus?
 - What does this tell you about His love for you?
 - How does this make you feel?
- How does this passage prompt you to ABIDE in Him?

Tuesday:

- What is one (very specific) way you have experienced God's love in the past week?
- Have you shared this experience with anyone?
 - If not, who will you encourage with this story of God's love?

Wednesday:

- How have you loved the people around you in the past seven days?
- What is one way you will go and exhibit your love for someone before the week is out?

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:

- Part of loving others is getting to know them and getting to be known by them.
 - With whom do you currently have this type of relationship?
 - How has this relationship impacted your life?
- What other relationships do you have that help you grow in living and loving like Jesus?
 - How have these relationships brought joy to your life?
 - Pray for these relationships.