



## Week 5

**Sermon Series:** Blueprints for Discipleship

**Sermon Title:** Abiding in Christ Pt. 2

**Sermon Text:** John 15:1-8

**Group Week of:** February 12, 2023

**Sermon Date:** February 19, 2023

## Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies

<b>Day 1</b>	Israel as the Vineyard – Isaiah 5:1-7
<b>Day 2</b>	True Fruit – Matthew 7:15-20
<b>Day 3</b>	Abiding and Fruit – Psalm 1
<b>Day 4</b>	Abiding in Christ – John 6:32-59
<b>Day 5</b>	Chosen to be Fruitful – John 15:9-17

## The Text

<sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup>He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup>You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup>“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

## **Discussion Guide Questions**

- 1) What have you done differently since last week to abide in Christ more?
- 2) What are different practices that you can engage in to abide in Christ?
- 3) Why do you obey God? Do you typically obey God because you are supposed to, or because you want to?
- 4) What fruit does God seek to produce in you as you abide in Christ? How can you know what is and is not fruit?
- 5) How do you know if you are abiding in Christ? What does it *feel like* to be abiding in Jesus? What is the experience of walking in-step with Christ like?
- 6) When is the last time you got true solitude to draw near to God? Do you need to engage in that practice? If so, how can you go about doing that?
- 7) If you were discipling someone and they were asking how abiding leads to fruit, what would you tell them?
- 8) What do you need to put into practice in the week ahead to continue to grow in abiding in Christ?