



PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION

- Prayer – Pray over your group, Open with prayer, Close with prayer, Pray throughout the week.
- There are more questions than you will have time to answer, but select 5 or 6 questions you think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won't have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application questions.
- Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.
- You may want to share the link to these questions with everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.

Sunday, September 1st
John 15:1-7 - Abiding

GATHERING (*pick 1*)

- Where have you heard the word Abide used?
- Where do you spend most of your time/attention? Have you ever thought of abiding there?
- What has been your strangest 'abode,' place of living?

OPENING (*pick 1 or 2*)

- As you reflect on Sunday's message, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to grasp?
- If that sermon had to be re-delivered, what two points or ideas do you wish were discussed no matter what?
- What's one thing from Sunday's reflections that you hope we talk about as a group?
- Was there any one thing that you most agreed with or disagreed with Sunday's message? What was it and why?
- When can you carve out time to abide with Jesus?

DIGGING DEEPER (*pick 1 passage and read together*)

- Choose a Reading: John 15:1-17, 1 John 4:7-21, Hebrews 4:12-16, Psalm 80
 - Reflecting on these verses, what strikes you most? Why?
 - What is most challenging in these verses? Encouraging? New?
 - If these verses were applied to our lives today, how would we move?
 - Where else in scripture have you heard the idea of abiding?

APPLYING (*pick 1, do another as time allows*)

- Where can you carve out space to spend time abiding with Jesus?
- What fruits do you see in your life, which would you like to see?
- Why do we choose to be free apart from Jesus in today's culture?
- How can we pray for you regarding living the truths from today's conversation?