



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

**February 24, 2019**

**John 15:1-17**

**“Abide”**

## **QUESTIONS**

*(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)*

1. ICEBREAKER: Has anyone ever done any gardening or grown plants? What kinds of successes and failures have you had?
2. How does the Lord prune His people? Does anyone have something to share about how the Lord has pruned them?
3. What does this passage teach us about Jesus and the Father?
4. What does this passage teach us about ourselves?
5. Shane said that the passage challenges both the legalists and the spiritualists. Briefly define these. Do you find yourself having more of a tendency to legalism or being a spiritualist? How can we fight against these tendencies?
6. Shane stated this passage challenges those who are giving themselves over to their sin and rebellion. What can we do about sin in our lives and in the life of the church? What can we do to grow in fighting sin?
7. In what ways do Christians find their confidence for salvation in bearing fruit? What is the right response to this kind of thinking? How can we both individually and as a Christian community find our confidence in Jesus for salvation?
8. This passage is about “abiding” in Him. How do we “abide” in Him?
9. How important is abiding with the body of Christ in love because Jesus first loved us? What ways can we do this regularly?
10. Shane said: “You received grace so you can proclaim grace...Disciple-making is not a special program for the elite few but the gracious privilege of the saved masses.” What would it look like for you as an individual, and we as a growth group to be a people that is about “proclaiming grace?” How does the idea of being “chosen” or “appointed” by Jesus (v.16) motivate or empower the church to be on mission?

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