

COMMAND: ABIDE

EXPANDED LEADER INFORMATION

<i>Looking Back</i>	<i>Looking Up</i>	<i>Looking Forward</i>
<p>1. CARE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PRAISES/REQUESTS• PRAY FOR EACH OTHER <p>2. LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ABIDE?• MISSION STATEMENT?• PREVIOUS GOAL(S)	<p>3. WORSHIP + SEEK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 CORINTHIANS 14:26 <p>4. VISION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GREAT COMMISSION <p>5. NEW LESSON</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• COMMAND > STORY > READ > ASK > EXPLORE	<p>6. SETTING GOALS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HOW WILL WE OBEY AND APPLY THE COMMAND? <p>7. PRACTICE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 SEC TESTIMONY 3 CIRCLES OIKOS MAP <p>8. COMMISSION</p>

NEW LESSON

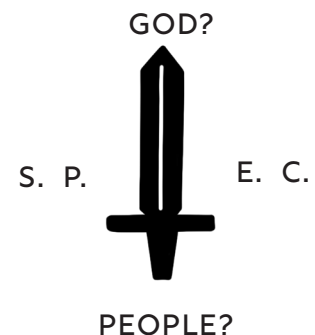
READ THE COMMAND: IN JOHN 15:4 (READ JOHN 15:4-11), JESUS SAYS...

TELL THE STORY: LUKE 10:38-42 - MARY & MARTHA

READ THE STORY ALOUD

DISCOVER/ASK: USE THE SWORD BIBLE STUDY METHOD TO DISCUSS THE STORY AND REVEAL ITS MEANING FOR OUR LIVES

- PRACTICE RETELLING THE STORY



WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE TELL US ABOUT GOD?

- God prefers you spending time with Him over doing things for Him!
- He is our good portion! (Psalm 16:5)

WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE TELL US ABOUT PEOPLE?

- We can get our priorities out of whack... choosing tasks over time (with Him).
- We can even go as far as to try to convince Jesus that our tasks for Him are more important than spending time with Him.
- We can't do anything apart from Him.

ARE THERE ANY SINS IN THE PASSAGE TO AVOID?

- Not necessarily in the story, but neglecting to spend time abiding in Jesus has serious consequences.

ARE THERE ANY PROMISES IN THE PASSAGE THAT WE SHOULD BEHOLD ?

- If we abide in Jesus, we will produce fruit!
- If we don't abide in Jesus, we can't produce fruit.

ARE THERE ANY EXAMPLES IN THE PASSAGE TO FOLLOW?

- Mary's example to choose presence over production.

ARE THERE ANY COMMANDS IN THE PASSAGE TO BE OBEYED?

- Abide in Christ. Never stop.

SET GOALS

- A good goal for this week might be to commit to setting a time to spend time in prayer and the Word multiple times a day, every day. See what happens!

EXPLORE MORE:

A. WHAT DOES "ABIDE" MEAN?

- Greek word used for abide is Meno - which means to continue, to dwell, be present, to remain.

B. WHY SHOULD YOU ABIDE?

- Read John 15:4-11. What does this passage say about abiding? You can do nothing...

C. WHO SHOULD ABIDE?

• In John 15 Jesus is speaking to His disciples - therefore anyone who belongs to Jesus (His disciples) should Abide. John 15:16

C. HOW DO YOU ABIDE?

- Read John 15:7-10. What does this passage say about abiding?

Verse 7 - Let His words (rhema - spoke word) abide in you, ask (spend time seeking Him in prayer).

Verse 8 - bear fruit (make disciples, love others)

Verse 10 - Keep/ obey His commandments. Also, it's always a good idea to study Jesus' rhythms in ministry and how He would abide in the Father - John 15:10, Mark 1:35, Luke 5:16. In the middle of explosive ministry and responsibility, Jesus prioritized abiding in the Father's love, commandments and presence.