

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH



Intro Question

What is your favorite gift to give to show appreciation (flowers, card, gift card, etc.)? Did you do anything special to celebrate Mother's Day?



Thesis:

When we live, abide, or are attached to the true vine, we are able to experience what all people deeply long for: the fullness of life, the fullness of contentment, and the fullness of joy.
Discover how we can grow and bear fruit simply because we abide in Christ.



Discussion Questions

Q1. How can believers practice abiding in Christ?

Q2. What are some obstacles to abiding in Christ? And how might one resolve them?

Q3. Share a time where you experienced true contentment in Christ.

Q4. What are some practical or actionable ways that believers can bear fruit and grow (from this passage or elsewhere in Scripture)?



Love Your Neighbor

1. Who would like to share how they sought to befriend or build relationship with their neighbors inside or outside the group?
2. Are there some needs that can provide us an opportunity to love our neighbors inside or outside the group?

Pray for those in your life who do not know Jesus, and pray for opportunities to share.



Prayer

1. Praise Jesus for connecting with us through the cross and ultimately, His resurrection.
2. Pray that we would stand on His promise that He is willing to abide in us as the Vine.
3. Pray we would be bold to ask Jesus to prune us so that we bear more fruit.
4. Pray we would truly understand that when we abide to Jesus, we would bear fruit in us not for our own benefit but to others.
5. Pray we abide in Jesus constantly for without Him, we can do nothing.