

Our Most Intimate Relationship

John 15:1-11

July 30th, 2025

Theme: Believers in the church age are called to remain in intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus uses a parable to illustrate five components of abiding in Him, that should drive believers to persevere in their obedience:

I. The Roles in Abiding (vs. 1-3)

II. The Requirement of Abiding (vs. 4a)

III. The Results of Abiding (vs. 4b-8)

IV. The Route to Abiding (vs. 9-10)

V. The Reasons for Abiding (vs. 11)

Small Group Questions

1. What does it mean to “abide” in Christ? What are some common misconceptions about what this means? How would a professing believer’s daily life look different if he *did* or *did not* abide in Christ?
2. What does pruning look like in the believer’s life? How do you typically respond in times of pruning?
3. How ought you think about your spiritual accomplishments (“fruit”), particularly in light of vs. 3-4?
4. How ought we respond, emotionally and practically, in light of the fact that Jesus loves us to the same measure that the Father loves Him?