



Jesus As Sustainer

PASSAGES

John 15:1-11; Romans 6:1-14

PREPARE (MC LEADER)

1. Before leading your group into studying the passage, take some time to study and pray through the passages yourself.
2. Consider these questions as you engage with the passages that you will discuss with your MC.
 - What do these passages tell me about what Jesus is offering?
 - What do these passages tell me about how we are to respond?
 - What do these passages confront in my thinking and the ideology of the world system?
 - How might I better accept and entrust my mind, will, and emotions to this offer of Jesus?

DISCUSS (GROUP)

1. Open the door for any initial discussion, questions, or comments about the teaching.
2. Consider these discussion leading questions to help your MC engage with the main principles presented in the central teaching.
 - How will you position yourself to hear from Him?
 - Have you accepted the offer of Jesus as your sustainer?
 - Why is exercising your will toward God so difficult (understanding, confusion, distraction)?
 - What ways can you prioritize your life toward a complete yielding to God's presence in your life today?

APPLY (GROUP)

1. Review the core principles from the study.
2. Share your own personal reflections/convictions related to Jesus taking up position as your sustainer for life.

- Lead others in identifying their view of Jesus in relationship to their lives and God's mission. The point here is to spur on some thinking that will allow the Holy Spirit to bring about some conviction.

PRESENTATION SLIDES



Abiding is accepting what Jesus offers as **Savior**, to the point of entrusting my mind, will, and emotions to Him

Principle

Abiding is accepting what Jesus offers as **Creator**, to the point of entrusting my mind, will, and emotions to Him

Principle

Accepting what Jesus offers as...	Creator	Savior	Sustainer	King
Posture taken...	Humility	Spiritual Gratitude		

Abide

¹ I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:1-5

¹ I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he **takes away**, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ **airei** because of the word that I have spoken **1) to remove by lifting** and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you **2) to lift up** me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

kathairei vs. airei

John 15:1-5

Old Self *my spirit under the control of my flesh/sin*



Romans 7:5

⁵ For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death.

Romans 6:5-7

Old Self *my spirit under the control of my flesh/sin*



Romans 8:3

³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,

Romans 6:5-7

knowledge

new walk/experience is available
placed into Jesus
placed into Jesus' experience

Abide

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

Romans 6:5-8

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1 Corinthians 3:14-15

¹⁴ If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

John 15:1-5

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John 15:1-5

Abiding always consists of two principles: **knowledge** and **will**

Abide

¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:1-4

Old Self

Romans 6:5-7

New Self

Romans 6:5-7

New Self

1 Peter 2:24
²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

Romans 6:5-7

New Self

Romans 8:16
¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Romans 6:5-7

New Self

Romans 8:11
¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Romans 6:5-7

knowledge

new walk/experience is available
 placed into Jesus
 placed into Jesus' experience
 spirit set free from sin/flesh
 spirit resurrected to newness
 spirit in slavery to Jesus

Abide

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Abide

⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:9-11

knowledge

new walk/experience is available
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 placed into Jesus' experience
 spirit set free from sin/flesh
 spirit resurrected to newness
 spirit in slavery to Jesus

will

faith-prayer/thoughts-actions

Abide

¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Romans 6:9-11

knowledge

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will

faith-prayer/thoughts-actions
 resist the flesh/emotions
 my spirit is set free
 my body is mine to control
 give it all to God

Abide

- ▶ driving a car
- ▶ flying in an airplane
- ▶ work is tough, a friend encourages
- ▶ military training
- ▶ bungee jumping
- ▶ awkward party moments
- ▶ school lunchroom
- ▶ witnessing

Exercising The Will

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Principle

- ▶ How will you position yourself to hear from Him?
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- ▶ Why is exercising your will toward God so difficult (understanding, confusion, distraction)?
- ▶ What ways can you prioritize your life toward a complete yielding to God's presence in your life today?
- ▶ What steps today need to be taken to more fully yield your mind, will, and emotions to Jesus as your sustainer?

Application