



Small Group Discussion Guide

Disciple Series: Week 2

Remaining in Jesus?

Opening Question:

- What does it mean to you personally to "remain" in Jesus?
 - Can you share a time when you felt especially close to Jesus? What helped you stay connected?
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1. The Call to Be with Jesus

Scripture Readings:

- John 1:39
- Luke 10:39
- Mark 3:13-14
- John 15:1-11

Discussion Questions:

- What do these passages reveal about the importance of being with Jesus?
- How does "remaining" in Jesus differ from simply believing in Him?
- What obstacles in your life make it difficult to stay connected to Jesus?

Reflection Activity:

- Take a moment to reflect on what "remaining" means in your daily life. Write down one practical way you can stay connected to Jesus this week.
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2. The World vs. Jesus: Remaining vs. Roaming

Key Points:

- The world encourages roaming; Jesus calls us to remain.
- The world thrives on adrenaline; Jesus teaches abiding.
- The world seeks comfort; Jesus calls for commitment.

Discussion Questions:

- Where do you see the temptation to "roam" rather than "remain" in your own life?
 - How can we shift from running on adrenaline to abiding in Christ?
 - What areas of life require more commitment rather than comfort?
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3. How Do We Practically Remain in Christ?

Practical Steps:

1. Fill our lives with things that stir our affections for Jesus (Scripture, worship, fellowship, exercise, etc.).
2. Cut out anything that robs us of those affections (excessive TV, social media, distractions).

Discussion Questions:

- Which practices help you remain in Jesus the most?
 - What is something in your life that may be pulling you away from Christ?
 - What step can you take this week to remain in Him more intentionally?
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4. The Four Promises of Remaining

1. You Will Live

Scripture: John 15:4-6, John 10:10

- What does it mean to truly "live" in Christ?
- How does remaining in Jesus bring joy and fulfillment?

2. You Will Grow

Scripture: John 15:1-2, Ephesians 4:15-16

- Why does pruning feel painful, and how can we embrace it?
- Have you experienced growth through challenges in your life?

3. You Will Bear Fruit

Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23, John 15:7-8

- What fruit have you seen in your life from remaining in Jesus?
- How does our connection to Jesus impact those around us?

4. You Will Experience True Joy

Scripture: John 15:9-11

- How is joy different from happiness?
- How has obedience to Jesus led to joy in your life?

Closing Prayer & Commitment:

- Ask each person to share one area where they want to remain more in Jesus this week.
- Pray for strength and encouragement to stay connected to Him.
- Encourage accountability within the group throughout the week.

Memory Verse: John 15:5 – "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."
