

Sacred Rhythms "Abiding"

## **Sermon Notes**

**Big Idea:** All of life works in Rhythms. Some are healthy, some are frantic, and some are downright destructive. God designed His most precious creation (you!) to operate with a rhythm that leads to truth, peace, and growth. The decision to establish your own rhythm with God is the most important choice you can make with your life.

## **Your Rhythms dictate Your Results**

We make choices every day that either strengthen or erode our relationship with God.

John 15:1-11 (ESV)

Fruit: Results in your life, and from your life, that glorify God

## **Abiding Prayer Involves:**

- Slowing
- Silence
- Stillness
- Solitude
- Staying

## **Discussion Questions**

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- **2)** What is your initial response to the statement, "We make choices every day that either strength or erode our relationship with God?"
- **3)** Read John 15:1-11. How would you describe how the Vinedresser/Gardner has been *tending* to your life lately? What's an example of recent "fruit" in/from your life?
- **4)** Have you ever experienced Abiding Prayer? Do you have questions/issues that you could take to God in Abiding Prayer? Explain.
- **5)** Have you started a Bible Reading Plan this year, and are you engaged in the 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting? Share your plan/intent with others for accountability.