

# ABIDE

First Epistle of John

## WEEK THIRTEEN

### "ABIDE"

#### DAY 1

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 4:13-21.
2. How, according to verse thirteen, can we know if we abide in God and what will we testify about (see verse fourteen)?
3. What other qualifiers do verses fifteen and sixteen list for those who abide in God?
4. Why, according to verse eighteen, is there no fear in love? What do you think this verse means?
5. If we claim to love God, but hate our "brother," what does John call us? Why do you think he uses this term?
6. If we love God, what does verse twenty one say we should also do?
7. Write out this week's memory verse on a notecard or a piece of paper and post it somewhere you will see it often (e.g bathroom mirror, car, desk, kitchen sink, etc.).

#### Scripture Memory:

"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."

~ John 15:5

#### I'm praying about:

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## DAY 2

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 4:13-21.
2. How many times do you see the word "abide" in this passage?
3. How does 1 John 4:15 say we come to abide in God and He in us?
4. If we do not abide in Christ, under what do we abide, according to John 3:36? (Note: in some versions the word "abides" is translated as remains.)
5. What does John 15:6 say is the end result for those who do not abide in Christ?
6. Write out this week's memory verse below:

## DAY 3

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 4:13-21.
  2. Where does Psalm 140:13 say the upright will to dwell/live?
  3. While abiding in God begins at salvation, it is certainly not where it ends. We face a daily battle to walk and abide in the reality of His presence. What do John 8:31 and 2 Timothy 3:14-15 say we must continue/ hold to/abide in? (Note: these are the same Greek word just translated differently, depending on the version.)
  4. How would abiding in Scripture help you abide in the presence of God throughout your day?
  5. If we claim to abide in Christ, what do 1 John 2:6 & 1 John 3:24 say we must do?
  6. The Bible teaches sin creates a relational separation between us and God (Isaiah 59:2). In seasons where you feel distant from God's presence, examine your life to see if sin has caused a separation between you and the Lord. Read David's prayer of repentance in Psalm 51 and ask God to create in you a clean heart.
  7. Write out this week's memory verse below:
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## DAY 4

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 4:13-21.
2. Read John 15:1-8. In verse one, what does Jesus call Himself and how does He describe the Father?
3. If we abide in Christ, what will be the inevitable result of our lives, according to verse five? What does this verse say about trying to produce results on our own without abiding in Christ?
4. What does verse two say the Master Gardener will do so that we may be even more fruitful?
5. How does Galatians 5:22-23 describe the fruit that the Spirit produces in us? Examine your life against this list. How well does your life produce and display the fruit of the Spirit? What is the greatest area in which you must grow?
6. Write out this week's memory verse below:

## DAY 5

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 4:13-21.
  2. What does Psalm 139:7-12 say about our ability to flee from the presence of God?
  3. What does 1 Corinthians 6:19 say that we are?
  4. The Bible teaches that we cannot flee from the presence of God and in fact, we are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. When we feel separated from His presence, it is not because He has left us. Rather, all too often we drift away from Him. What is the greatest hindrance in your life to abiding in Christ moment by moment?
  5. What is something you can focus on doing this week that will help you better abide in God's presence even as you go about the mundane portions of your day? What does Psalm 16:11 say we will find as we abide in the presence of God?
  6. Write out this week's memory verse below:
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