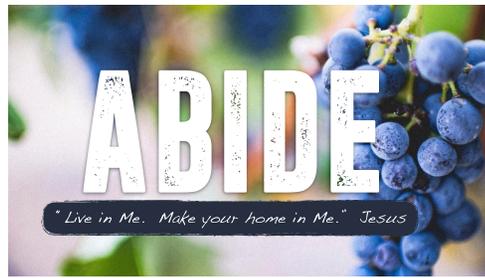


SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Listening to the Spirit of Truth

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In a world with so many voices, the most important one may be the quietest.

John 16:5-15 “But now I am going away to the one who sent me, and not one of you is asking where I am going. ⁶ Instead, you grieve because of what I’ve told you. ⁷ But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don’t, the Advocate won’t come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God’s righteousness, and of the coming judgment. ⁹ The world’s sin is that it refuses to believe in me. ¹⁰ Righteousness is available because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more. ¹¹ Judgment will come because the ruler of this world has already been judged.

¹² “There is so much more I want to tell you, but you can’t bear it now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. ¹⁴ He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine; this is why I said, ‘The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.’

• **Jesus gave of himself so that he could give us the Holy Spirit.**

• **The Holy Spirit acts as our guide and our helper.**

Big Idea: Follow the way of Jesus by learning to listen to the Holy Spirit.

How do we learn how to hear and listen to the Spirit?

• **Embrace silence to hear the Holy Spirit.**

• **Proactively seek solitude to practice listening to the Spirit.**

Luke 5:16 (NIV) Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

• **We retreat for the world, not from the world.**

Simple Guide to Listening Prayer:

1. Choose a sacred word, phrase, or image to center your thoughts.
2. Settle your mind, and silently introduce the sacred word, phrase, or image.
3. As your thoughts engage you, return gently to the sacred word.
4. Listen for anything the Holy Spirit might speak to you in this time.



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- 7) How do these verses call on you to change the way you live? What step will you take today? What principles do you need to pass on to others this week?



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