CONNECT QUESTIONS

- 1) How have you seen God work in your life this week?
- 2) How have you struggled to obey God's Word and live out your faith in Christ this week?
- 3) Read John 15:1-17. All of the instances of "you" in this passage are plural, which is why we've substituted them with "y'all". Does this change how you hear Jesus' words?
- 4) Jesus calls us to "abide" (live) in Him together. Why do you think this is so important?
- 5) How has God used the Church—the family of God—as a blessing in your life?
- 6) Jesus intends for us to bear fruit by abiding in His love. What might this fruit look like? How might our love draw others to Christ?
- 7) Take a moment to praise God, to pray for the needs of your group and our church, and to ask for God's guidance in the coming week.

Memory Passage

Abide in me, and I in [y'all]. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can [y'all], unless [y'all] abide in me.

— John 15:4 (ESV)

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Call to Worship Ronda Elliot

Songs of Praise "Praise You Anywhere"

"We Believe"

"The Solid Rock"

Prayer Janan Wurzbach

Announcements / Greet One Another Felisha Caldeira

Sermon Pastor Travis

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Communion

Songs of Praise "Thank You Jesus for the Blood"

"Doxology"

Benediction

John 15:1-17 (ESV)

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 [y'all] are clean because of the word that I have spoken to [y'all]. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in [y'all]. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can [y'all], unless [y'all] abide in me. ⁵I am the vine: [v'all] are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me [y'all] can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If [y'all] abide in me, and my words abide in [y'all], ask whatever [v'all] wish, and it will be done for [v'all]. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that [y'all] bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved [y'all]. Abide in my love. 10 If [y'all] keep my commandments, [v'all] will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

¹¹ These things I have spoken to [y'all], that my joy may be in [y'all], and that [y'all's] joy may be full.

12 "This is my commandment, that [y'all] love one another as I have loved [y'all]. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. 14 [Y'all] are my friends if [y'all] do what I command [y'all]. 15 No longer do I call [y'all] servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called [y'all] friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to [y'all]. 16 [Y'all] did not choose me, but I chose [y'all] and appointed [y'all] that [y'all] should go and bear fruit and that [y'all's] fruit should abide, so that whatever [y'all] ask the Father in my name, he may give it to [y'all]. 17 These things I command [y'all], so that [y'all] will love one another.

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Why Do We Need the Church?
