God Family Country

GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

Connected to the Source

Speaker: Pastor Tony Orihuela

Highlighted Scripture

- **John 15:1–17 (especially verses 4–5, 6–7)**
  Jesus teaches that He is the true vine and His followers are the branches. Those who abide in Him bear much fruit, but apart from Him they can do nothing. A branch disconnected from the vine withers, while those who remain in Christ receive the nourishment needed to live fruitful lives.

- **Matthew 28:19–20**
  Tony concludes by reminding believers of the Great Commission—to go, make disciples, and share the Gospel with the world.

Discussion Questions

- **Tony's illustration shows that being close to the tree is not the same as being connected to it. What does that teach us about our relationship with Christ?**

- **According to John 15, what does it practically mean to "abide"**

in Jesus?

• Tony says that attending church is important but not enough by itself. Why is a personal relationship with Christ essential?

• What habits help you stay connected to Christ throughout the week rather than only on Sundays?

• How does abiding in Christ prepare us to fulfill the Great Commission?

Reflection Challenge

Focus on remaining connected to Christ—not just near Him.

Ask yourself:

• Am I relying on a weekly church service, or am I cultivating a daily relationship with Jesus?

• What distractions are keeping me from abiding in Christ consistently?

• How can I intentionally stay connected to the true source of spiritual life?

Try this:

• Spend time with God every day this week through prayer and Scripture.

• Before beginning your day, ask Jesus to help you remain connected to Him in everything you do.

• Look for one opportunity to show Christ's love through an act of kindness or by sharing your faith.

• At the end of each day, reflect on how you experienced God's presence and guidance.

Remember

• Spiritual life comes from remaining connected to Christ.

• Being near Jesus is not the same as abiding in Him.

• Church gatherings strengthen our faith, but our relationship with Christ continues every day.

• A healthy relationship with Jesus produces spiritual fruit.

• As we abide in Christ, He equips us to share the Gospel with others.

Prayer

Father God,

Thank You for inviting me into a living relationship with Jesus Christ. Help me not to settle for simply being close to You, but to remain deeply connected to You each day. Teach me to abide in Christ through prayer, Your Word, and faithful obedience. Fill me with Your Spirit so that my life bears fruit that honors You, and give me the courage to share the hope of the Gospel wherever You lead me.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.