

### REFLECT

1. Share about a married couple who has been a good example to you. What do you appreciate?
2. What have you learned from them about growing healthy relationships?

### ENCOUNTER

Human relationships are a helpful (but imperfect) analogy for what it means to abide in Christ. To abide means more than to exist. For example, it's possible to be married but not abide. To abide means to grow and enjoy the relationship. When we abide with someone, it changes the way we think and how we use our time and treasure.

The apostle John picks up the theme of abiding or remaining in Christ throughout his letters. Study that theme together and keep in mind human relationships.

3. What do each of these verses add to your understanding of abiding in Christ?

1 John 2:24-28

1 John 3:17

1 John 4:13

2 John 9

### TRANSFORM

4. Use the analogy of abiding in human relationships (parenting, dating, or marriage) to define what it means to abide with Christ.
5. Healthy human relationships grow in their abiding when we act right *before* we feel like it. How is that “laboring to rest” also true of our abiding in Christ?
6. Last week we asked, “What is one *little* step you can take to fight to delight in God’s word this week?” Do you have any updates?

### PRAYER REQUESTS

*One More Disciple*

*A soul filled with large thoughts of the Vine will be a strong branch, and will abide confidently in Him. Be much occupied with Jesus, and believe much in Him, as the True Vine.*

*~ Andrew Murray, Abiding in Christ ~*