

**NOTES: John 15 | Abide**  
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**John 15:1–11**

The Paradox of abiding – less action produces greater results

**Desire over discipline**

The fruit Jesus is talking about is internal rather external

What we struggle to do (because we have so much to do) Is what we need the most to succeed at what we do

What does abiding look like?

- rest in Jesus                      - anchor to Jesus
- recognizing source      - our strength is in Jesus                      - our foundation is Jesus

**Takes us from:**

Declaration to dependence	Something to everything
Have to want to	Discipline to desire

In order to sustain a genuine spiritual life in the world believers must remain intimately attached to Jesus

**2 things you have to know about abiding:**

- 1) There is nothing you can do to produce spiritual fruit on your own
- 2) Even in abiding and producing fruit we are not free from discomfort  
The Gardener(God) **cuts away** the lifeless but **cultivates** the living

**Sad reality:** It is possible to be a follower of Christ without being a disciple of Christ

**Cycle:**

Abiding cultivates Love	Love dictates living
Living reveals fruit	Fruit glorifies God
Glorifying God produces joy	Joy creates greater desire to abide

**Bottom line:**

You won't get this by trying harder, you will get this by loving greater.

**Desire over discipline**

**If my desire does not dictate my disciplines they will not be sustainable**

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**Sermon Discussion Questions: John 15 | Abide**  
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*For continued study in groups, for families or individual*

**1. Q) Do you have any finish lines that need to be reevaluated?**

Read John 15:1-11

**Abiding is a paradox that says less action produces greater results**

**2. Q) What do you think of this?**

**The definition of abiding was given as:**

- rest in Jesus                      - anchor to Jesus
- recognizing source      - our strength is in Jesus              - our foundation is Jesus

**3. Q) What do those statements look like in everyday life?**

**4. Q) Why are they easy to say and hard to live?**

**2 things you have to know about abiding:**

There is nothing you can do to produce spiritual fruit on your own

**5. Q) Do you believe this to be true, why or why not?**

Even in abiding and producing fruit we are not free from discomfort

**6. Q) Have you seen this in your own life?**

**7. Q) Can you share a time when God was Pruning you for greater growth?**

**8. Q) What was your greatest struggle during that time?**

**9. Q) Was it hard for you to see it as Provision and not punishment?**

**10. Q) When Jesus says this will produce overflowing Joy, what do you think he means?**

**11. Q) Do you see this cycle in your life?**

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