

Discussion Guide 8/30/26

ABIDE — Part 2 Stewart Farley

Scriptures for Today

John 15:1–16 / 2 Corinthians 3:17–18 / 1 John 3:1–17

1. Fruit That Remains

Jesus moves His disciples from *no fruit* → *fruit* → *more fruit* → *much fruit* → *fruit that remains*.
Where do you see God producing lasting fruit in your life — and where do you desire more?

2. Fruit Bears the Nature of the Tree

You don't find apples on a pear tree — fruit always reflects the tree it comes from. **What part of Christ's nature is becoming more visible in you?**

3. Fruit Is Always Visible

Fruit is never invisible — others can see it. **What visible evidence of Christ's character has others noticed in you recently?**

4. Fruit Exists for Others

Fruit doesn't eat itself — it nourishes someone else. **Who has “taken a bite” out of your life lately and been strengthened by your walk with Christ?**

5. Abiding vs. Dipping

Pastor's illustration:

- Dippers work hard, dipping in and out
- Abiders soak until transformation happens **Where have you been “dipping” instead of abiding — and what needs to change?**

**Get Involved with Us as We Pursue Excellence, Value ALL People, Fuel and Display Passion,
Choose a Good Attitude at ALL Times**

6. Abiding Produces Answered Prayer

John 15:7 — “If you abide in Me... ask whatever you wish, and it will be done.” **How does abiding change the way you pray — and what you pray for?**

7. Do You Want Him — or Just What He Brings?

Pastor’s story of his kids wanting the *gift* more than the *father*. **Where has your relationship with God drifted toward wanting blessings more than His presence?**

8. Graphe, Logos, Rhema — The Word That Speaks

Pastor taught:

- **Graphe** — the written text
- **Logos** — the meaning and content
- **Rhema** — the Word applied personally to your situation **Where has God taken His Word off the page and spoken directly into your life?**

9. Abiding Means Including God in Your Whole Life

Not just Sunday — but driving, working, deciding, relating. **What part of your daily life have you not yet invited God to “hang out” in?**

10. Transformation Comes From Hanging Out With Him

Pastor said: “*If you will let me hang with you, you will see Me more, feel Me more, give Me more.*” **What would change if you consciously invited Jesus into every moment of your day this week?**

Closing Call to Action

This week, intentionally ABIDE. Choose one daily rhythm — morning, commute, lunch break, or evening — and make it your “hang-out place” with Jesus. Let His presence soak into your thoughts, decisions, and emotions. Then ask Him for one Rhema word — one personal, living word — and obey it as your act of abiding.