



This is The Way, Week 1, *This is The Way*

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Read: John 15:1-11

1. In this parable, who is the vine? The gardener? The branches?
2. What is the result of abiding? Not abiding?

Read: Galatians 5:22-23

3. What is/are the fruit(s) of the spirit?

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

4. As a group, come up with an operational definition of “abiding” (ESV). What does “abiding” mean in the context of John 15?
5. The opposite of abiding/remaining in Christ in the context of John 15 is “striving,” operating outside of God’s power and ability – relying on ourselves to manufacture fruit. Are you good at abiding? What makes this difficult? When is it difficult? Take some time to talk about the “felt-experience” of abiding in Christ.
6. What spiritual disciplines have helped you in your personal abiding in Christ? What spiritual disciplines are you interested in learning more about?
7. Share about a time, a relationship, or an interaction that was most characterized by the fruit of the Spirit.

Surrender: Responding to God’s voice.

8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We’re here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!

Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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