

FIRST BAPTISTCHURCH ASHLAND

Discipleship Guide Connected to The Source John 15

This guide was created to help you engage with the message and create deeper engagement with our worship services. Each week this guide will encourage you to reflect on two primary questions using the framework of Up (with God), In (with church) and Out (with neighbors). As we use this guide to reflect on the scriptures and your relationship with God, each other and your neighbors, consider pausing for a moment in quiet before jumping into the questions.

Weekly Questions:

- How is God getting my attention? For help, think about these areas:
 - How are you living up with God?
 - How are you living in community with other followers of Jesus?
 - How are you living out on mission with your neighbors?
- What are you going to do about it?

John 15:1-21

Jesus says that we are pruned whether we producing or not. Pruning isn't punishment. Pruning means that God isn't done with you.

- What needs pruning in your life? What is a habit in your life that needs to be cut back so that you can grow or be more healthy?
- What is something that is taking more nutrients from your life that is ultimately not producing fruit?

Jesus says: "remain in me as I also remain in you."

- How do you remain in Jesus in your everyday life? What would it look like to make your home in Jesus?
- The two main questions for our discipleship guide get at what it looks like to live closely to Jesus. "How is God getting your attention? What are you going to do about it?"
- To remain in Jesus is to find our home in Jesus' joy. Describe a time you sensed God's joy at work in you.

Jesus says that we should love one another as God loves us.

• What does sacrificial love look like to you? How can you practice sacrificial love in a relationship that matters to you this week?

For our kids (and adults too!):

Name one way you can love sacrificially this week. How can you act on it?

After reflection, what are you going to do about what you learned this week?