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Listening to the Spirit

“I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

Come on. I grew up with some family friends that have this ranch that I absolutely love. Uh, we go hunting and fishing and there's horses. We just look at 'em. We don't really ride 'em. But we play Frisbee, golf, and then we even played pickleball. Like growing up I—hard to believe—but

Pickleball isn't new. I don't know if you realize this, like, we played it before it was cool. And, we just fell in love with this ranch. And over time, we ended up—once we were old enough, we started working at this ranch. And so, we started working at this ranch in the summers, in high school, and parts of college; and every summer, we're just, we're busting tail, you know, we're, we're clearing brush, we're feeding cattle, we're, building things, fixing things, learning how to build things. Learning how to fix things. Some of you might be surprised to know there is a cowboy version of Dale. All right, not just athleisure Dale. There's a cowboy Dale.

And one of the things that we were tasked with as we worked at this ranch and even as we were hanging out at this ranch is that it was our task to keep hogs off the property. Because hogs would come in and they would just cause more work, you know, they would ruin things, they'd mess up fences, they'd ruin the vegetation for the animals, and all these different things. And so we were tasked with keeping hogs away, and part of the way that we kept track of the hogs, is there were these game cameras that were all around the property, that are really for deer—to know when the deer are there, for people to hunt deer. But every time there was movement on the game camera, it would take a picture, and it would go, “Ding! Ding! Ding!” And so we just learned, ‘okay, hey, when there's a ding, we gotta go check the game camera. We gotta go see if there's hogs. Because if there's hogs, we need to go get rid of the hogs.’ Like, we need to go run them off, get in the buggy, and go get rid of the hogs. And that was really what we were tasked to do. And, uh, and as we did that, like, over time, both for fun and really as we worked there, that task just became a part of who I was. Like, I just was constantly listening for this ding. We'd be going about our day, it doesn't matter what we were doing. We were eating lunch, we were at

dinner, we were playing ping pong, we'd hear a ding. Oh, snap. Okay. The ding. We gotta go check the ding.

And I start with that. It sounds silly, but I really, I start with that this morning because listening to the Holy Spirit is an integral part to abiding. We're in this series, learning how to abide. What does it even mean to abide? What does it look like to abide? And a huge part of abiding is just listening to the Holy Spirit, who is guiding and directing us, helping us through our day. And so we gotta learn how to listen. We have to learn more about the Holy Spirit. And that's what we're gonna learn today. We're just gonna see the Holy Spirit's role in abiding. We're going to look at what Jesus has to say in John 16 if you want to turn in your Bibles there.

Week 1, we were in John 15, learning about the fruit of abiding. Week 2, we were also in John 15, and the love that comes from abiding. Week 3, abiding in Jesus presence, sitting at the feet of Jesus like Mary. And we're jumping back to John 16, because the Spirit is integral in abiding. We cannot abide without the Holy Spirit. It's impossible. And last week we even learned a simple definition of abiding is just to be in the presence of Jesus. Staying connected to the presence of Jesus was our definition. Staying connected to the presence of Jesus.

And the only issue is that Jesus isn't here with us physically. In, in the flesh. Jesus is with us because the Spirit is with us. And yes, that's slightly confusing, because God is three persons. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. One God, three persons, and that's what we're going to learn about today. How Jesus can be with us, because the Spirit is with us. But here's the problem. Here's the issue, some of us, maybe you grew up like me, and I really grew up with Father, Son, and Holy

Bible. Anyone else? Like, that was the trinity that I grew up in. Like, there was no such thing as the Holy Spirit, we didn't really talk about the Holy Spirit, and we were cautious, like very, very cautious of any talk of the Holy Spirit. And there's legitimate reasons for some of us to have caution. Like, I think some people have been burned: By the high school girlfriend or boyfriend that breaks up with their significant other because "God told them to." You're like, "What?" That'll burn you, you know? That'll mess with you. And I know there's even more legitimate things. And breakup's legitimate too, but, there's even more things where somebody, you know, said something to you, maybe, a vision or a prophetic thing that this is going to happen to you, and then it didn't. And it's like, well, "Did God lie?" Like, what are you talking? Like, what are you talking about?

It gets confusing. It gets hard. It gets challenging. And that, that creates caution in so many of us. But the problem is, the problem is, the Spirit is so important. We need the Spirit. The Spirit gives us power. The Spirit's where we get our gifts. The Spirit dwells in us, is with us. The Spirit is in Genesis 1-2, hovering over the water, the beginning of the Bible. The Spirit is in Revelation 22, the last chapter. The Spirit and the bride say, come. The Spirit is all throughout the scriptures and is with us today. And I would say, some of us would say we're open, but cautious. But the reality is all of us could grow in openness. That's what I believe for us at Harris Creek. Like, I really think we can lean more into like, "Hey, what's, what's the role of the spirit? How do I listen to the Spirit? How can I learn more about the Holy Spirit?" I think all of us could lean that way.

And the beautiful thing is that's how we abide. That is abiding. And so, if you brought your Bibles, as I said, John 15, or John 16, starting in verse 4, we're going to see in abiding that the

Spirit helps us, convicts us, and guides us. And I feel almost a disservice at how much I'm just going to scratch the surface of the Holy Spirit today. Like, I just want to tell you up front a few things. That's the first thing. We're just gonna scratch the surface in the scriptures today. There's so much as well, and this even may feel disconnected from the abiding series. Because Jesus is talking about the Holy Spirit for all the verses that we're gonna be in. And the reality is, this would have been at the same dinner that he just said, John 15, and talked about abiding. I am the vine, you are the branches. He had just said this. But now he's moved on at the dinner. Think like a dinner sermon, or a dinner teaching, and it's the same dinner. He would have talked about abiding like, four minutes ago. Like that's how they're connected, despite it feeling disconnected because it's going to be such a focus on the Holy Spirit. As we go through verse by verse. And so I just want to warn you of that. We're jumping back into John 16, Jesus is speaking, this is the Passover dinner.

He's warning them that he's going to leave, and he's preparing them for what's going to happen once he leaves. That's what abiding is for. Jesus is going to leave us, and he's telling us how to stay connected to him. He tells us how to abide, and now he's telling us the Spirit's role. Starting in verse 4. **“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.”** He didn't have to tell them before. **“But now I'm going to Him who sent me, and none of you asks me, where are you going? But because I have said these things, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away.”** I'll get to that later. **“For if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you.”** And so what we see is that Jesus is explaining, Hey, I'm leaving. And I haven't had to tell you this before, but now that I'm leaving, I need to tell you this. I'm going to send you the

helper. The Father and I are going to send you a helper. And they're getting sad and discouraged, and He's like, No, no, no, no, no. This is to your advantage. I'm going to give you this helper.

The word helper is the Greek word *paraclete*. And it, it can be translated in a lot of different ways. Your Bible may say advocate. Your Bible may say helper, your Bible may say counselor. There's different forms of this word. I think all those are great interpretations of the word. The literal word means 'someone that's called to one's side.' Like that's who Jesus is giving us. Someone who is called to one's side. That's where we get helper and an advocate. And so in the first thing that we see in abiding is that the spirit helps. In abiding, the Spirit helps.

1. In abiding, the Spirit helps us

The Spirit is called to our side. The Spirit is with us and in us. The Spirit is the helper. You see, for all this time, Jesus has been the leader. He's been the, the one doing the ministry, he's been the one teaching them, he's the one defending them when they're attacked with, by questions or other things.

He's the one that's the example. And now that he's leaving, he's saying, "Hey, I'm leaving, but it's okay, I'm going to send somebody to help you in these things. As I pass the torch to you, I'm going to give you someone that's going to help". John 14. It's the same dinner. Jesus says the very same thing. "I will give you another helper to be with you forever. He will dwell with you and he will be in you." And this is how Jesus is with us today. Which is interesting, that in abiding the Spirit helps because this same group of people, they're at dinner. Then they go on and Jesus is arrested. And these, these guys scatter like cowards.

Like, if you know the story, the disciples just spread. They end up just spreading everywhere and, what's crazy is then you turn to the book of Acts and the same people are standing before crowds, just crowds of people, and they're just declaring the good news of the gospel, who Jesus is and what he's done, and they're courageous and they're bold and it's almost like something changed. How do you go from coward to courageous? Two things. First, they saw the resurrected Jesus. They saw Jesus die and raise from the dead. Second, once Jesus ascended, the Spirit came and dwelled in believers. And they went from cowards to courageous. And so as you read the book of Acts, you're like, this is a different group of people. Acts 4:8 and Acts 4:31. **“When they prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the Word of God with boldness.”** The Spirit gives help through boldness to them. Acts 7:55. **“But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven,”** this is Stephen, **“and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.”** The Spirit gives comfort to Stephen just before he's stoned. Acts 13:2. **“While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’”** The Spirit gives calling and direction to believers. It's what the Spirit is doing.

There's other parts in the book of Acts where Paul says, The Spirit's telling me I can't go there. I can't go there. Acts 20:23, **“Except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me.”** The Spirit helps in just warning Paul, “Hey, I got you. I just want to put this on your radar. You're going to go there, but it's not going to be easy,

but I'm going to help you. I am the helper.” That's what the Spirit does as we abide. That's how the Spirit speaks to us and leads us.

But let me just ask you a question. How many of you wish Jesus was in the flesh today?

Anyone? I've thought that before. I'm like, man, I wish I lived today. Okay. That's a lot of hands.

That's fair. That's fair. Let's turn back to verse seven. **“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth.”** He's

like doubling down. He's like, Hey, I'm going to tell you something, but I'm going to just make sure it's clear. I'm telling you the truth. **“It is to your advantage that I go away, because if he**

does not go away, the helper will not come.” You see, verse 7 shows us, Jesus shows us, it is

good that Jesus is gone. That sounds weird. It is good that Jesus is gone. Why? Because he's

going to give us the Spirit. He's going to give us the Helper. And the Helper's going to be with us

and in us, and the Spirit's going to give us power. And the same power that raised Jesus from the

dead is going to be the very Spirit that's going to be with all of us. Everywhere. That's why it's to

our advantage. And Jesus said in the same dinner, John 14:12, **“and greater works than these**

will he do because I'm going to my father.” He's saying, “Hey, you're going to even be able to

do greater works than me.” Again, crazy. How is that possible? Because we're going to have the

Spirit of Christ, the Holy Spirit, in us. That's how it's to our advantage. As we abide, we have a

helper. It gives us power, courage, direction. Comforts us. Those seasons of challenges.

Our refrigerator went out last week and I, you know, think I'm a handyman even though I'm not.

And the only reason I think I'm a handyman is because I have Google. And so our refrigerator

goes out, and I'm like, ‘let me get to work.’ You know, I'm just, I'm getting after it. I'm like,

‘what are the eight,’ you know, I'm like, ‘what's wrong with my refrigerator?’ It's not cooling.

And they're like, 'here are the eight reasons why your refrigerator might not be cooling.' I'm like, 'ah, that's great. I'm gonna take all eight of these, and I'm just gonna implement them.' So I'm ordering stuff off Amazon. I'm ordering parts. I don't even know if they're right. You know, I'm just ordering stuff, and then I start to get to work. I clean out, you know, the filter. I tried to replace a thermistor. I ordered the wrong one though, so it didn't even work. And Jacie the whole time was like, "Hey, we should just, you should just call the apartment complex. Like, that's what they do. They're supposed to help. You know, they fix these things." And I'm like, "No, no, no. Babe, I got this. Everything's under control." And and so every few days I'd try something new. Just trying to fix it. I was just always, I was just on my own trying to do it myself. And then finally, the milk went bad. And I was like, "Ah, we should probably get some help, right? Like, it's time." It's time. The guy came, fixed it immediately. First time. Or not, actually not the first time. Just for clarity. Uh, details do matter. But Jacie just kept trying to tell me and I wouldn't listen. She's like, "Just ask for help. You just need a little help." And I wouldn't listen. And so many of us, that's us. The Spirit's our helper. Are we listening? Are we listening?

As you're going about your day, you go to work, you're in a meeting, you have a huge decision or a small decision. Are you just pausing and going, 'Lord, would you give me direction? I need to make a decision.' Or if you're in class, you're like, Lord, give me direction. Is there anyone you want me to talk to in class? Before or after class, Lord, is there anyone you need me to connect with, have lunch with, pray for?' You're at lunch, trying to get a big sale. It's like, man, you didn't pray. Are you listening? Are you waiting? Even this week a friend asked me for some relationship advice. He's dating and he's looking, he was just asking some questions, and I was trying to practice this, and I realized, this is really hard. He asked the question, I'm like, I just

want to say immediately the first thing that comes to mind, instead of being like, ‘hey, Lord, is there anything that you have for me to share with my friend?’ So many of us. We're not listening for help. And we're missing out. So the first thing in abiding, the Spirit helps.

The second thing, verse 8. **“And when he comes, the Spirit will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment. And concerning sin, because they do not believe in me. Concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father. And you will see me no longer in concerning judgment because the ruler of this world is judged.”** You see, the second thing that Jesus tells us about the Spirit is that He convicts. And so as we abide in the Spirit, as we abide, the Spirit convicts.

2. As we abide, the Spirit convicts.

As we abide, the Spirit convicts us. As we go about our day, the Spirit convicts. And really, in some ways, when we stop abiding and choose sin, the Spirit convicts us to return to abiding. That's what the Spirit does. But right here, Jesus is talking about another way that the Spirit works. He's talking about the way the Spirit works convicting the world. Like, the Spirit works by convicting, and this word of conviction is more than just guilty, not guilty. This, this word of conviction is the Greek word *elego*, and it's like convict and convince. To refute and to bring in; to prove. It's more than just ‘you're not guilty.’ And here's really the best way I think about the Spirit convicting the world. When I was about, growing up, my family separated when I was about five, divorced when I was in the seventh grade. And that led to just a season of slow and steady rebellion from about seventh grade till when I was about 16 years old. And we were going through, I started partying and just finding life in all the wrong places. We ended up getting caught and by the same family that owns the ranch. They took us to the ranch. They made us

work as punishment. And sometime in that season of life, I end up at a church event where somebody shares the gospel. And in all of that season, I had grown up in church, but it was in that moment where the Spirit of God came in and convicted me, convinced me of my lack of righteousness, convicted me that I was a sinner in need of a savior. I knew Jesus was the savior. I just didn't realize I was the sinner. I didn't realize I needed him. And I just remember vividly, it was like the lights came on. That Jesus lived perfectly, died on my behalf, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and offered forgiveness to me for the forgiveness of my sins. That his blood washed me white as snow, and it was just like, boom, that's me. I was convicted of my sin. And it drew me into the Savior. The Spirit convicted me and convinced me that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Him. That's what the Spirit does. That's what the Spirit does.

And the Spirit also convicts us as we go about our day. And I know this because, or once we believe, the Spirit continues to convict us in many ways. Revelation 3:19 is spoken to a church, a group of people that know Jesus. And he says this, this is he says, **“Those whom I love, I reprove,”** that's the same word for convict. Those whom I love, I convict and discipline, so be zealous and repent. So even still to this day, the Spirit is, is reproofing us and convicting us, yes, in salvation and also as we go about our days as believers. The Spirit's role is to convict us when we are off the vine, we aren't abiding in Jesus, and in all the ways that we, we're, we're sinning and, and it's all out of love.

I think we can read this point, the spirit convicts and abiding the spirit convicts us, either to return us to abiding or as we're abiding, he's like, Hey, that's a compromise. You need to repent.

And we can just feel like that's, we're always in trouble because of the Holy Spirit. It's like, no, no, no. It's out of love. He disciplines and convicts those he loves. And this is how the spirit helps us.

So the spirit helps us even last week. I had the Spirit just convict me of something that may sound silly to you, but to me, it wasn't. I brought the kids on Tuesday morning to Parents Day Out at Harris Creek. I brought the twins, and I drove Jacie's minivan, which is awesome, I will say. I'm a huge minivan person. And so I brought the minivan, and I parked in expecting mothers. And here—y'all are laughing, I don't know why—because my wife is expecting, sometimes I will park there and leave the vehicle for her. So that when she picks up, she'll be close. But this time I knew I wasn't leaving it for her. And I went in to Harris Creek. I went to staff prayer. And it was like the Lord was like, 'Why'd you leave it there? You're not an expecting mother. And you know you're going to leave. You know you're not leaving that for Jacie. It's compromise.' And it just was like, "Okay, thank you, Lord. I need to confess that, I need to tell my life group," you know, I need to go about repentance, and then I need to keep going. That's what the Spirit does, in big and little ways. And that may sound like a silly one, but the Spirit is convicting us. We must be attentive to Him.

And I, uh, I was at the ranch for New Year's. Let's go back to the ranch. I can, I want you to imagine, I want to just tell you, this ranch isn't just any other ranch. Like, there's a conference center. It's a big ranch, like it can hold tons of people. I was there with 20 people plus, and we're sitting around in this conference center, and in the conference center, I heard the ding. And so, I'm at New Year's, I hear the ding, and I shoot up, and they're like, "Dale, what are you doing?"

And I audibly said, “Did anyone hear the ding?” And they said, no, not a single person that was there had heard the ding, which was fascinating to me because some of my friends that I had worked with, or my friends that owned the ranch were there.

You see, at some point along the way, they stopped listening for the ding and going to do something once they heard the ding. And once they stopped listening, then they stopped being able to hear the ding. And in the same way, the Spirit, some of us, He gave us some conviction, big and small, and we stopped listening, we bottlenecked the Holy Spirit, we quenched the Holy Spirit, and now we can't hear the Holy Spirit.

We're like, “I don't feel conviction when I sin and drink too much.” It's like, it's because you stopped listening a long time ago. “I don't feel conviction about dating somebody that isn't a Christian. I don't feel conviction. I feel fine. I love them.” It's like, what? You stopped listening a long time ago. You stop listening. And now you can't hear it. And now you can't hear it. The Spirit helps us. And the Spirit convicts us. The third thing the Spirit does. Verse 12, **“I still have many things to say to you. Jesus is speaking. I still have so much to tell you, but I can't tell you all it now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears, he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me. For he will take what is mine and declare it to you. And all that the Father has is mine. Therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”** And so Jesus didn't tell everything to the disciples. He makes it clear that he's going to give them the Spirit to guide them in the truth. And this is really twofold for the disciples. The Spirit guided the disciples to write the Bible. Like that's where we

get the scriptures is through what Jesus is saying. He's like, "I'm going to give you the guide. And the Holy Spirit's going to inspire the scriptures." And also to this day the Spirit still guides us in truth and in abiding the Spirit guides. That's our third and final point today.

3. In abiding, the Spirit guides us.

The Spirit guides us in what is true. Helps us to discern what is true. Guides us as we open up the scriptures and the Bible both in our time alone and even right now. , like [00:27:00] that's what the spirit's doing teaching us. I, I can't, I can't put something in your heart and convict you and, and guide you in the truth. I, that that's what the spirit does in this moment. As a preacher, this is good news. I just have to be faithful and prayerful and do my best. And then it's the spirit's work to guide us in the truth. And as we abide, the spirit guides us. And that's how we can really discern what we're hearing.

A lot of us are going to leave here and go, "Well, how do I know if it's the Holy Spirit?" Here, I'm going to give you two quick practical things. There's plenty more things I can give you. But I'm going to give you two quick practical things, especially in light of this, that in abiding, the Spirit guides us first: What the Spirit tells us will always align with the truth. It will always align with the truth. Think about golf in a fair way. It will always land in the fair way, where you want to land. Like there is some boundaries on the left and the right, but in the end it needs to land in the aligning of truth. There is a fair way of what the spirit can do. It aligns with the truth. And then the second thing is just test, test what you sense. Or what you think you're hearing. That's the beauty of prayer. That's the beauty of community. Hey, I think, I think the Lord is telling me to do this. That's all you have to share with your life group. Or with your friends. And just say,

"Hey man, I think..." And even as you're going about your day, sharing the gospel, or going up to somebody and being like, "Man, I think I need to pray for you." I've had that happen even in this room recently, and I'm like, "I don't, do I say 'God told me,' or do I just say, 'hey, I think God told me to just pray for you.' Is that okay? Like anything I can pray for?" And here's the deal. Sometimes they're tears. And they're like, "Yes, there's something I can pray for. I'm glad you know this. You read my mind. God's real. It's amazing." It's amazing. That happens. It's amazing. And then a lot of times, they're like, "Sure." And I'm like, "All right, Lord, I'm not sure if I heard this one right." And it's like, who cares? Who cares?

Even recently, there was a pastor in Colorado who created a digital coin and ended up really defrauding investors. And he really claimed it was all via the Holy Spirit that gave him this idea that that ended up just being fraudulent. And here's the reality. That wasn't from the Spirit. And that's why some of us are cautious. But the reality is we just need to understand it always aligns with the truth. And let's test the spirits through prayer and through our community. There's more that could be said there, but that's okay. So in summary, The Spirit helps us in abiding. The Spirit helps, convicts, and guides.

Let's go just back to the ranch one more time. I love the ranch. I love it. But one of the things I've learned over the years is just that it really does take time to learn to listen to the ding. Like learning to listen takes time. And in a lot of ways, there's a lot of noise. When you're at the ranch, there's a lot of people, there's a lot of fun things, there's a lot of things going on. It's hard to, it's hard to really listen sometimes because there's so much noise going on all around you. And so in order to really learn to listen, you've got to get really close to the ding, and you've really got to

remove some noise. And in the same way, I think so many of us are going to leave here this morning and we're going to be like, "Man, I just want to know how I want to know how, how do I know if it's like my conscience or the devil or my flesh or the spirit? Like how do I know? How can I leave here and do more? Like how can I, how can I really know about the Holy Spirit?" And here's the really, really hard thing. It's going to take time to learn to listen. And as Nate invited us last week to chair time, which is just sitting, listening to the Lord for 15 minutes, undistracted, much like Mary sat at the feet of Jesus, undistracted. Remember how hard that was for those of us that did that? Yes, think about how much harder it is to listen in a meeting. Or listen as we're going about our day, or listen when the kids are going crazy.

You see, it's going to take us time to learn to listen. The reality is we gotta continue to grow in this. We gotta get close to the ding. We gotta learn what it sounds like. We gotta remove some distractions so we can grow in this. And the beautiful thing is, it's also that we would bear much fruit. In abiding. It's all so that we would bear much fruit. That the Spirit could do something in us and through us so that we might bear more fruit. May we abide and allow the Holy Spirit to guide us. Let me pray that we would.

Father, would you just help us? Would you allow us the humility to be helped by the Holy Spirit, to be led by the Holy Spirit of the living God? Lord, for those of us in here, That have any wounds from just the Holy Spirit being used in the wrong way. Lord, I pray that you would just heal those wounds, even now. Would you allow them to just share that with a friend or with one of us up front and one of the pastors up front just allow them to share that with somebody and just heal them, Lord. Because ultimately the Holy Spirit is integral to abiding, even now. We

need you. So Lord, would you just allow us the humility to let you help? Would you speak to us, convict us, Lord? Would you remove distractions so you can be our guide? Guide us in the truth. Teach us even the word of God and the scriptures so that we might better hear your voice and better understand the spirit. And Lord, ultimately, I pray over us as a body that we would bear much fruit, not because we're awesome. but because we're abiding in you and you and your spirit work in and through us. And would you bring revival and reformation in Waco, at Baylor, Lord we just love you. And ask this all in your son Jesus name, amen.