

THE CHURCH ABIDES IN CHRIST

BIG TRUTH: THE CHURCH ABIDES IN CHRIST

John 8:31; Galatians 2:20; Colossians 2:6; 1 John 2:6, 24-28

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 15:4-5

“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

BIG IDEAS

- Jesus is the vine and we are dependent branches.
- Pruning is a normal part of the Christian life and community.
- The church that bears fruit glorifies God and finds joy in Jesus.

BIBLE PASSAGE: JOHN 15:1-12

UNITE - I AM PART OF A FAMILY

The Unite Year is an exploration of what it means to be united in Christ as the family of God (Romans 12:5). When we are saved, we are given a spirit of adoption as sons (Romans 8:15-16), are made a child of God, and we are also saved into a family- the Church. The Unite Year explores how we are to live as a part of a family, and to live in light of our calling as servants and disciples of Christ. We use our gifts to build up the church as we pursue unity, humility, and gentleness with our brothers and sisters in Christ (Ephesians 4:1-2).

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know that...

- The church is a family.
- The church is given by God.
- The church exists for God.



Every student should feel...

- Thankful for the unique ways God has gifted them and their church.
- Appreciation for the elders and leaders that God has gifted their church.



Every student should strive to...

- Prioritize gathering to worship each week with their church family.
- Learn more about membership in their local church.
- Do something to intentionally serve someone in their church family each week



Every student should want...

- To devote themselves to pursue holiness with their church family.
- To have their lives be marked by love for the church.
- To live in a way that is sacrificial and generous for the good of others and the glory of God

FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will consider how to discuss with our son or daughter what it looks like to abide in Jesus. We will pray with them to grow in their trust of Jesus as their source of all things. We will lead them to practice bearing much fruit within the church.

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Read and meditate on John 15:1-12 this week.

As you ponder these verses ask yourself some of these questions:

- How can you model abiding in Christ for your son or daughter? How can you discuss with them what it looks like to bear fruit for Jesus?
- How can you discuss with your son or daughter the importance of the church abiding in Jesus?

How can you model using your gifts and talents within the church to bear fruit? How can you lead your son or daughter to serve in ministries at the church that they might join with the church in bearing much fruit?



Set aside time to pray for your son or daughter each day this week.

- Pray they grow in their desire to abide in Jesus daily.
- Pray with your student this week. As you pray with them, model asking the Holy Spirit to help you bear much fruit.



Discuss with your son or daughter certain ministries in your church that he or she can join in.

- Make a list of these ministries and help your son or daughter get involved with at least one of them.
- Meet with your student this week to discuss habits and disciplines that will help them daily abide in Jesus. Make a list of these and encourage your student to commit to do these things.