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BIG TRUTH: WE MUST ABIDE TO BEAR SPIRITUAL FRUIT

Psalm 1; Philippians 1:9-11; Matthew 3:8; Mark 4:20; Romans 7:4; Matthew 12:34

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 15:5

"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

- Everyone is bearing the fruit of the flesh or the Spirit.
- We cannot bear the fruit of the Spirit unless we abide.
- Abiding leads to constant repentance and obedience.

BIBLE PASSAGE: GALATIANS 5:16-25; JOHN 15:1-11

UNITE - I AM CALLED

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...

- Every good gift comes from the Father.
- They have been specifically and uniquely gifted to bring God glory.
- Spiritual gifts are given for the edification of the body of Christ.



Every student should feel...

- Thankful for the various gifts God has given their church family.
- Convicted of the ways they bear the fruit of the flesh.
- Secure in their standing as God's children through the Holy Spirit



Every student should strive to...

- Pursue unity with other members of their church family.
- Use their gifts for the good of God's people.
- Practice regular repentance and obedience.



Every student should want...

- To be known for loving others like Jesus loves.
- To learn more about their spiritual gifts and the gifts of others.
- To both suffer and rejoice with God's people

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will consider what it means to abide in Jesus. We will pray for a heart that desires to repent and obey and we will practice being led by the Spirit in order to bear fruit.

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Read and meditate on Galatians 5:16-25 and John 15:1-11 this week.

As you read these verses use these questions to help you meditate on them:

- How can you pursue Jesus each day? What can you give up in order to read and study His Word?
- What does it look like for you to submit yourself to the leading of the Spirit?

Ponder what it means to live a daily life of constant repentance and obedience.

- To whom can you confess your sins? Do you obey God? How can you better obey Him?



Pray for a heart that repents of your sin and obeys God out of love.

- Pray for a heart that practices joyful obedience no matter what.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. As you pray together, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to submit your life to the leading of the Holy Spirit daily.



Make a plan for pursuing Jesus daily through a study of His Word.

- Set aside a time each day that you can read the Word and pray. Commit to do this each day this week.
- Discuss with your small group leader some of the challenges you face in confessing your sins to others. Commit to become more transparent in sharing your struggles and repenting of your sin.