

## BIG TRUTH: DISCIPLES ABIDE IN THE SON

1 John 2:24, 28; 2 John 1:9

## 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

- Jesus is the only source of life.
- Abiding is position and pursuit.
- We bear spiritual fruit as we abide.

## BIBLE PASSAGE: JOHN 15:1-11

## TRANSFORM - LIVING IN PURSUIT

In High School, the Transform Year is an exploration of what it looks like to have transformed influence as we seek to live for a Kingdom that is greater than our own. First, we recognize that we will never be transformed if we are not Living for Jesus. To do this, we must first know who Jesus is by looking at who He says He is (John 8:58), and then look at what the Bible says about how in Him, we live by faith (James 1:6). Next, we recognize that to have transformed influence means that we must live as disciples in pursuit of Christ and His Kingdom over ourselves and our own kingdoms.

## SERIES AIMS



### Every student should know that...

- Jesus is the only source of life
- God's Word is authoritative and applicable for all of life
- To follow Jesus is to pursue a life of sacrifice and surrender



### Every student should feel...

- Thankful for the triune God who is worthy
- Convicted of how deception has led them to disobedience
- Responsible to use their influence to live for Jesus alone



### Every student should strive to...

- Read through the gospel of John
- Memorize the Bible verse each week
- Implement regular rhythms of prayer and fasting throughout the semester



### Every student should want to...

- Pursue obedience even when faith is a struggle
- Grow in living in step with the Holy Spirit
- Live their lives to glorify God the Father

## FAMILY WORKOUT

This week we will ponder how we will discuss with our son or daughter how to abide in Jesus. We will pray for them to desire to abide in Jesus more. We will lead them to practice bearing much fruit for His glory.

# DISCIPLES ABIDE IN THE SON



**Keep a journal of your answers and observations of these passages to help you discuss them with your son or daughter. Read John 15:1-11.**

- Define “abide.” Make a list of spiritual fruit using Galatians 5:22-23 as a guide.
- What does Jesus mean when He says that He abides in those who abide in Him? What part does the Holy Spirit play in this abiding?
- Who is Jesus talking about when He talks about branches who bear no fruit? What happens to these branches?
- Why should disciples bear much fruit?

**Read and meditate on John 15:1-11 this week. Use these questions to guide your meditation:**

- Ponder how you can model abiding in Jesus for your son or daughter this week. How can you share with them the habits you’ve established to help you abide in Him?
- Consider how you can discuss with your son or daughter how to abide in Jesus daily. How can you help them rid their lives of distractions and bad habits that prevent them from abiding in Jesus?



**Spend time praying with your son or daughter this week.**

- Ask God to help them abide in Him daily and to grow in their desire to abide in Him.
- Pray with your student this week. Pray that they would bear much spiritual fruit and bring the Father glory.



**Memorize John 15:5 with your son or daughter this week.**

- Write the verse on an index card and go over the verse every day to help them learn it.
- Discuss with your son or daughter the spiritual fruit you see them bearing. Discuss ways they can bear more fruit. Help them identify some of the challenges to bearing spiritual fruit.
- Meet with your student to discuss ways that he or she can establish the daily habit of pursuing Jesus. Help them identify the behaviors that promote daily abiding and come up with a plan to help them put these on.