

WEEK TWELVE  
THE TRUE VINE

*SERMON NOTES*

- WHAT YOU **ABIDE** IN, YOU **BECOME**.
- ABIDING IN JESUS **LEADS** TO **FRUITFULNESS**.
- ABIDING IN JESUS **DEPENDS** ON **GRACE**.
- ABIDING IN JESUS **DRIVES** OUR **MISSION**.
- ABIDING IN JESUS **DEPENDS** ON THE **HOLY SPIRIT**.

## *READING PLAN*

Mon Jn 17:1-5	Tues Jn 17:6-19	Wed Jn 17:20-26	Thurs Jn 18:1-13	Fri Jn 18:14-27
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### *STUDY/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS*

1. Do you think our environment can shape our character? In what ways?
  
2. Read John 15:1-11. Explain, in your own words, what it means to “abide” in Christ. What does Jesus say is the evidence of this abiding relationship?
  
3. Pay attention to verses 2 and 6. What is the difference between being “pruned” and being “thrown away?” Can you name examples of God’s discipline in your life?
  
4. Read John 15:12-17. What is the surest evidence that we “abide” in Christ? How does the gospel offer assurance of our connection to the true Vine?
  
5. Read John 15:18—16:4. What fate awaits the disciples? How does a relationship with Jesus prepare us for mission in a hostile world?
  
6. Read John 16:5-11. What are some of the roles of the Holy Spirit, according to this passage? How does the Holy Spirit act to magnify the name of Jesus?
  
7. What are some “habits” that you can practice to more faithfully “abide” in Christ?

### *QUESTION OF THE WEEK*

- Do you think our environment influences our character?
- What kinds of habits can make you a better person?
- [For your kids]: How does the music you listen to (or TV shows you watch) change the way you think about God or other people?