

Grace Group Questions

02-17-2019 – John 15:4-8 – Abide in Me

REMINDER: The purpose of our Grace Groups is to help our church family mature in our love for the Lord and each other. We seek to do this by 1. Practical Sermon Application 2. Practicing the One Another's 3. Providing Care 4. Praying Together 5. Pursuing Discipleship. These questions are simply a tool to help you achieve these purposes. You will notice that these questions are structured according to the three basic principles of Bible study - observation, interpretation, and application.

1. **Sermon Passage:** Read John 15:1-11

- What was the main point of Sunday's sermon?
- Can you outline the sermon?

2. **Observation – What did you hear?**

- What is the main purpose of abiding in the vine? What is the goal of abiding and why is that important?
- Scott mentioned 4 descriptions of those who abide in Christ. Can you identify each of the 4?

3. **Interpretation – What does it mean?**

- What does *'abide in me'* mean?
- What did Jesus mean when he said, *"he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned."* (John 15:6)
- Read Matt. 3:10, 12; 12:36-42, 50; 25:41; Mark 9:47; Revelation 20:11-15; 1 John 2:19. How do these passages help you properly interpret John 15:6?

4. **Application – How does this apply?**

- *"There is no such thing as a fruitless Christian. You will either bear little fruit, more fruit, or much fruit, but NOT no fruit."* Describe the time and circumstances when you personally realized this truth. Have you encountered Christians who don't believe fruit bearing is an essential element of the Christian life? Explain.
- Scott said that the aim of the Christian life boils down to Christlikeness. Share with the group how you have seen more of Christ in your attitude and actions since becoming a believer?
- One of the four evidences of someone who abides in Christ is his/her love for other believers. Describe why one's love for other believers can be such a powerful witness to a non-believer. How should a believer's love for fellow Christians differ from a non-believer's love for others?

5. **Prayer ...**