



5. Jesus calls us now to abide in Him. To abide is to stay in proximity with and be close to. To do this, we must prioritize embracing the reality that Jesus is with us. We do this especially when we read His word, and talk to Him (and He talks to us!). Do the rhythms of your life reflect that abiding with Jesus is your #1 priority? How can you stay close to Jesus and embrace your relationship with Him this week?

**Time of Prayer:**

*Take some time to pray through the prompts below. If you are in a group, assign one to anyone willing, and take turns praying together.*

- Pray that God would graciously show you how much you need to abide in Jesus.
- Pray that you would embrace the wonderful relationship you have with Jesus as one of His followers.
- Pray for those around you, especially brothers and sisters in Jesus, who are living performance based lives instead of grace based lives with Jesus.
- Pray that the Church (the people of both local churches and global churches) would be so empowered by their abiding in Jesus that they would be more and more fruitful and the Gospel would go forward!