
Abide #4 – The Disciple’s Mission

November 30 – January 11, 2017

Lean In

- Has there been any change in your life the past two weeks as you abide in Christ? What have you noticed? Be ready to share with your Life Group any things that have stood out to you.
- Why is Christ in you?

Look Down

- Look up John 15:1-11. What are some reasons we are to abide?
- How is God glorified? See Matt. 5:14-16, 1 Peter 2:12, 1 Peter 4:11
- Read 2 Cor. 5:14-6:1. Jesus Christ died on the cross for us. What should we do in response? What were we given?
- What other instructions did Jesus give His disciples? See Matt. 28:19-20, Matt. 16:24-26, John 13:34-35, John 15:10,12-17, Acts 1:8.
- What did Jesus pray for? See John 17:21-23.

- Read Matt. 9:35-10:1. Using the 5 Ws and an H (who, what, where, when, why and how), ask questions as you go through the passage and fill in your answers in the chart below. A few are done for you to get you started.

Question	Verse	Answer
-where is Jesus?	v.35	-going about all the cities and villages
-what is Jesus doing?	v.35	-teaching, proclaiming the gospel, healing every kind of disease and sickness
-who did Jesus see?	v.36	-the multitudes
-how did Jesus feel?		
-why did Jesus feel that way?		

- What moved Jesus' heart?
- What are we to pray for?
- How did the disciples follow their Teacher?

Look Out

- According to what you have studied this week, should the church go to the lost or should the lost come to the church? What do you see happen at your church/life group? What should be the motivating factor?

Look In

- What does it mean to you that Jesus died for *you* and rose on *your* behalf (2 Cor. 5:15)?
- Is Christ your life? (Col. 3:3) Is knowing Him and making Him known a passion in your life?
- How do you see others around you that do not know Jesus? Think about those in your family, your work, and in your neighbourhood. How can you see them as Jesus sees them?
- How would you describe your focus as a disciple- inward or outward?

Live it Out

- Think about your passion for Christ. Is it weak? Is it strong? What promise /verse from the past few lessons can you claim? What verse could you use to pray for a renewed or continued passion for Jesus? Write it down, thank God for His promises, and pray for it during these next few weeks.
- Who is someone you know that doesn't know Jesus that He has put on your heart during this study? Pray for eyes to see them as Jesus sees them and for opportunities to go to that person this week. Ask Him what does He want you to do? Who from your life group can pray for you this week?
- **Write** your testimony! A testimony is your story about your relationship with Jesus. It has three parts: BEFORE you came to faith in Jesus, HOW you came to believe Him, and what your life has been AFTER trusting Jesus to be your Lord and Savior. It isn't long...3-5 minutes max. Use the sheet attached to help plan it out.

Look Up

Praise:

- for the life Jesus gave you
- For Jesus living His life through you to fulfill His purpose

Pray:

- for eyes to see like Jesus
- for the words God wants you to say in your testimony, and chances to use it!

How to Prepare Your Personal Testimony

1. **Pray!** Ask the Lord to give you wisdom and guidance as you write (James 1:5,6)
2. Follow a 3- Point Outline: **Before...How....After**
3. Consider the following questions to help you write:
 - I. **Before I received Christ:** (remember, this should be the shortest section of your testimony. Don't dwell on the past!!)
 - a. What needs in your life led you to seek Jesus?
 - b. What was my life like? What were my attitudes, needs, problems?
 - c. Around what did my life revolve the most? From what did I get my security or happiness?
 - d. How did those areas begin to disappoint me?
 - e. To what source did I look for security, peace of mind, or happiness? In what ways were my activities unsatisfying?
 - II. **How I received Christ:** (This is the main section of your testimony)
 - a. -How did you know you needed Jesus?
 - b. -Who told you about Jesus? How long did it take you to make a decision to put your faith in Jesus?
 - c. -What did you do or say to commit your life to Jesus?
 - d. -Why did you decide to put your faith in Jesus?
 - III. **After I received Christ:**
 - a. -How did your life change? Be specific!
 - b. -What difference does Jesus make in your life?
4. **Write it out on a separate sheet of paper.**