
Abide #8 – The Disciple’s Will
February 1 – February 8, 2017

Lean In

1. Think of a time you were asked to give up something you treasured. Was it difficult? Why or why not?

Look Down

Read [Galatians 2:11-21](#)

2. List the big themes or ideas that you find in this passage:
3. Circle the word “justified” each time you come across it in this passage:
4. Read [Job 32:2](#); [Romans 3:20-28, 8:33-34](#); [Luke 10:29, 16:15](#). What does the word “justified” mean?
5. In [Gal 2:15-16](#), we are reminded that we are no longer “under the law.” Why, then, should we try to obey the Ten Commandments? Or should we?
6. What do you think it means that Paul “died” to the law? What do you think it means that he died to the law through the law?
7. Paul was a law-keeping Pharisee. Why was it only after “dying to the law” that Paul began to live for God?

8. Rewrite [Gal 2:20](#) in your own words.

9. Read [Rom 6:6-8](#). What did Paul mean when he said he was crucified with Christ?

Look Out

10. What are some things people do or say today that they believe will make them “righteous”?

11. What are some ways that Christians might make it seem like the gospel is “Jesus + ...” from the way they act?

12. How would you explain what it means to be “justified by faith in Christ” to someone who has never been to church before?

Look In

13. Are there people both inside and outside the church you do not “eat with” because they are not “like you”? How does that differ from the Gospel?

14. Are you ever tempted to consider yourself righteous before God based on anything other than believing in Jesus? If so, what?

15. Think about the ways you connect with God, (prayer, fasting, reading Scripture, studying His Word etc...). Which of the ways are you tempted to engage in to earn your righteousness before God?

16. In what area of your life do you know His will but have consistently failed or even refused to surrender your life to His will? What will you do this week to change this? Who will keep you accountable from your Life Group?

Live it Out

17. Is there a contradiction between the two sentences of v.20? What mistakes does this “tension” help us avoid in the Christian life?

18. Considering [Gal 2:20](#), what does the following statement mean? “When we are fully surrendered, we are fully functional.”

19. How does trusting God’s Word, praying for His desires, and walking in what we know of His will allow your will to gradually become His will?

20. How would your Christian walk be different if you surrendered your will to His each day? If you are already doing this, what differences have you noticed? Explain.

21. Read [Rom. 6:5-14](#). What is the significance of having been “crucified with Christ”? What does it mean to God? What does it mean to you? What effect should this have on your daily life?

22. Read [Phil. 3:1-9](#). How does Christ enable us to die to the law and “live for God”? How should the gospel change our understanding of what it means to “live for God”?

Look Up

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving:

- *That it is God alone who justifies*
- *That in Christ we do not stand condemned before God*

Pray:

- *For God to help us live Gospel Centered lives*
- *For God to help you trust in Him alone for righteousness.*
- *For God to help you surrender any area of disobedience to His will*
- *For God to reveal to you how you can begin to align your life with His in ways that allow you to fulfill His purposes in the world*