

CG Guide

Everyday Mission – “Abide in Christ”

John 20:19-21

Reminders:

- Baptism on September 9th. Details are on the city.
- New money class starting September 7. Details are on the city.
- Please be in prayer for the ENL interest meetings as they start this week.

Remember:

Did you meet anyone new anytime this past week? How did it go?

What stood out to you from Sunday’s time of gathered worship? How did the Holy Spirit speak to you on Sunday (and since then)?

Deepen:

In our culture, we are prone to be consumers and compartmentalizers. How are you guilty of this in your life?

How does this tendency lead us to an incorrect view of the mission of God we are called to be a part of? *There are plenty of ways this happens. David listed a couple Sunday...1. Generally, we don't see our lives as the mission, we see the mission as something we try to fit into our lives. 2. Generally, we don't see the mission as a privilege, but as a guilt-ridden duty.*

How do we combat this tendency to have an incorrect view of our everyday mission? *Primarily, by abiding in Christ.*

Have someone read John 20:19-21. Take the next 10-15 minutes to talk through the following observations David made in John 20:19-21. My hope is that this would be an encouraging time where your group is able to talk about how good Christ is and testify to one another how this has been so in each of your lives...

1. Jesus is alive! Why is this reality such great news? *We celebrate Easter every year and this truth is often spoke to us, but take a few moments and speak aloud to one another why this is such great news.*
2. Jesus takes cowards and makes them courageous. How has Christ made you courageous in your life?
3. Jesus alone brings peace. How has Christ brought you peace?
4. We need to often be reminded of what Jesus did for us. What all has Christ done for us? Remind each other. Remember the scars on Christ and what they represent.
5. Our response to the work of Christ should be one of gladness. How does this good news...this glorious gospel...make us glad?

Transform:

Sunday David said, before we are sent on the mission of Christ, we must know and abide in the risen Christ.

Read John 15:4-5...Why is it so important that we abide in Christ? *Apart from Christ we can do nothing.*

Read/Look at these 2 passages for pictures of what it looks like to abide in Christ...
John 20:1-18...What can we learn from Mary? *Mary goes and clings to the risen Christ...she knows she has no where else to go (he delivered her from her sin and Satan's demons)...let's be honest, the reason we don't cling to Jesus like this, is because we are hoping in something else to fulfill/satisfy/save us...namely ourselves.*
Then John 21:1-14...What do we see in this passage about how we abide in Christ? *Christ provides, prepares, invites to, and serves breakfast to the disciples before sending them on mission.*

Do you know Christ?

If so are you daily abiding in Him? Are you daily going and holding fast to Christ? Are you daily having breakfast with Jesus? *This isn't about a time of day as much as the truth that the Christian should be daily feasting on the provided, prepared, and served Word of God. Christ is inviting us to dine with him daily through the Holy Spirit and prayer. Are we putting the last series on prayer into action?*

If not, what are some areas of repentance for you as you seek to turn back, cling to, and abide in Christ daily?