

## **“ABIDING IN CHRIST”**

### **John 15:1-11**

**This study guide is intended to be used for personal study and within your community group to facilitate discussion.**

Read John 15:1-11

- (1) What does it mean to “abide in Christ,” and why is this idea central to being a Christian?**
- (2) Jesus states in this passage that, when we abide in him, our lives will bear much fruit. In other words, there should be evidence in our lives that we know/dwell with/follow Jesus. Galatians 5:22-23 gives us a good example of the kind of fruit we will produce when abiding in Christ. Are these characteristics the Spirit produces evident in your life presently?**
- (3) Jesus tells us that we actively abide in him when his words abide in us, when we abide in his love, and when we obey his commands. Which of these do you seem to struggle with the most in your own life? What steps can you actively take, relying upon the empowering of the Holy Spirit, to draw closer to Jesus in one or more of these 3 areas Jesus speaks about?**
- (4) What connection does Jesus make between our obedience and our joy? Give an example of how you’ve experienced these 2 ideas going hand in hand.**