

# missional community

## guide

# The Way of Jesus

JOHN 15:7-11

Use this guide to help structure your time together. All of these parts are equally valuable for the health and growth of a Missional Community. The examples given below are meant to be a starting point for your time together.

## Fellowship

**Take time to fellowship with each other.**

- Are you depending on Jesus?
- Are you yielding fruit? Give examples.

## Prayer

**Take time to pray together as a Missional Community incorporating the passage into your corporate prayer.**

**Adore God for who He is:**

- God gives us the law which shows our need for Him.
- God gives us a way to come to Him.

**Confess the ways that you have not been faithful to God:**

- When we do not serve as we should.
- When we do not seize the opportunities He gives us to share His Gospel.

**Thank God for what He has done:**

- He has given general revelation.
- He has sustained us physically and spiritually.

**Supplication - Pray for those in your MC and outside of your MC:**

- Kingdom: Help us to look for opportunities to share Jesus.
- Others: Give comfort and strength to those who have suffered loss and help them to find meaning in the struggle.
- Self: Help us to keep our priorities in line.

# Passage

**Process through the passage together.**

## **What does the text say?**

Before you jump into discussion, make sure that everyone has a good understanding of the passage. Read the passage again and then work together to retell the passage without reading it.

## **Background info about the author, audience, style, etc. that may be of help.**

- John, the author, was the son of Zebedee, of Bethsaida, a fisherman.
- “Abide” in the Greek is “μένω” (menó), meaning “remain” or “stay”.

## **What do we learn about God from this text?**

Have members input what the Holy Spirit has revealed to them about who God is from this text.

- Being in Christ is inseparable from keeping His commandments.

## **What do we learn about man from this text?**

Have members input what the Holy Spirit has revealed to them about who man is from this text.

- We need to be told to follow the Law.

## **What is there that we can obey from this text?**

- Abide in Me.
- Keep my commandments.

## **Are there commands that still apply to disciples today? If so, what?**

- Yes. Both of these apply to disciples today.

## **Other passages in Scripture with similar themes or principles:**

These are passages that could be helpful to draw from for further informing today's text.

- Exodus 20:12 (This is another command with a promise)
- Matthew 5:17 (He did not come to abolish the Law)

# Application

**Now that a good understanding of who God is and how He relates to man has been established from this passage, how does this impact our lives? What are specific things that each member needs to apply in their life this week?**

## **What applications directly from the passage can be applied this week?**

- At first glance, abiding in Christ can simply sound comforting; while that might be part of it, it is certainly not all of it. He states quite clearly the responsibility on our part to keep his commandment. He wants us to follow Him.
- Joy comes in keeping God's law.



**There may be things that the Holy Spirit is leading us to obey that are not directly from the text, share those as well.**

- Is there something you should entrust with God?

**Be sure to take time to discuss how you can support and encourage each other in the things God is calling you to apply throughout the week.**

- Ask the question: “How can we help you with that?”

## Mission

**Discuss how you will work together this week to impact the world around you.**

- Have you served others? Without an expectation of recognition?
- Are you depending on Jesus?

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