

Activate Group Resource for 9 September – John 15:5-8 (Mike Robb)

Big Idea:

Jesus is teaching the disciples about needing to remain in Him, even when he was no longer physically present.

Key Scriptures:

John 15: 5-8 (The Message)

“I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you’re joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can’t produce a thing. Anyone who separates from me is deadwood, gathered up and thrown on the bonfire. But if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon. This is how my Father shows who he is—when you produce grapes, when you mature as my disciples.”

Romans 13:10

“Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.”

Key Points:

- 1) Remaining/abiding was an invitation to be part of God’s family – God loves and trusts us so we choose to behave appropriately. Abiding is mentioned x11 in this chapter, so it must be important.
- 2) Abide/remain in me, in you, in my love – if we have a revelation of this then we will have no problem abiding.

Discussion Questions:

- 1) What does an intimate/organic relationship with Jesus look like?
- 2) Mike Robb said, “As far as God is concerned you are here to stay.” What are the implications of this statement.
- 3) What does living out of fear, instead of revelation look like?
- 4) We pray as though it is all up to God and we work as though it is all up to us. Discuss.
- 5) Jesus says there is no promise of fruit outside of Him.

Application:

God invites you to come and make yourself at home, it is a good thing. God really means it. Bad stuff doesn’t disconnect you from the vine. Pruning can prepare you for more fruit in the future.