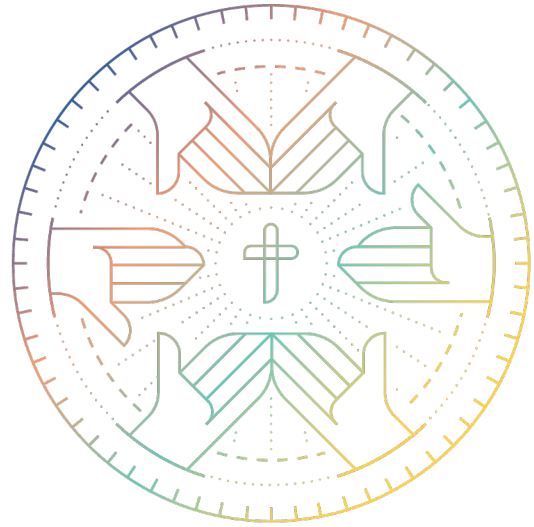


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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Twenty-Four Hours: “Fruit Doesn’t Come from Force”
Scripture Focus: John 15:1-16:4

ICEBREAKER

Name something in everyday life that *doesn’t* get better by simply trying harder. (*For example, falling asleep—you can’t force it!*) Share a light-hearted example from your experience.

INTRODUCTION

What stood out to you from Pastor Levi’s message?

Jesus calls us to abide in Him, not to hustle for fruit on our own. Abiding isn’t about striving harder—it’s about trusting Him as our source of life. This means staying connected to Jesus, surrendered to His pruning, and faithful even when we don’t see immediate results. Fruit comes not from force, but from faith. The Holy Spirit is our Helper, empowering us to remain in Christ and bear lasting fruit.

INTO THE WORD

Read John 15:4-5.

In your own words, what does it mean to “abide” in Christ instead of just trying to be a better Christian through willpower?

How might trusting Jesus more deeply (rather than striving harder) look in your daily life?

Read John 15:2.

What do you think God’s pruning process looks like in a believer’s life?

Have you ever gone through a season that felt like God was pruning you – maybe removing an unhealthy habit or allowing a challenge to refine you? What was that like?

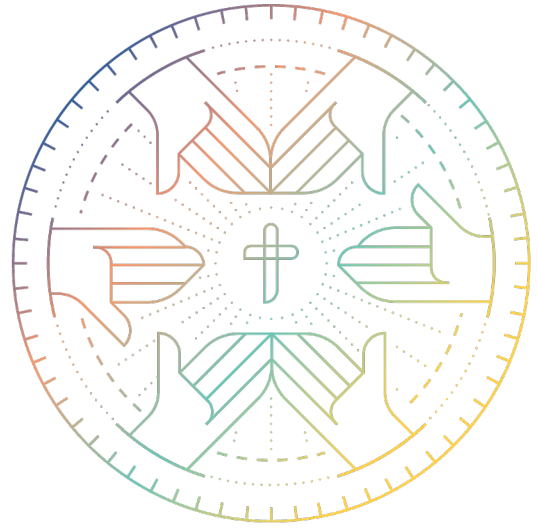
Read John 15:26 and 16:7.

In what ways have you experienced the Holy Spirit’s guidance or strength in your walk with God?

How can we rely more on the Holy Spirit’s power (and less on ourselves) as we seek to abide in Jesus each day?

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PRAYER

As a group, spend a few minutes in prayer around these ideas:

Thanksgiving: Thank Jesus for being the *true vine* – our source of life and righteousness. Praise Him for inviting us to abide in His love. Pray for a heart that truly **trusts** Him more deeply.

Pruning and Trust: Ask God for courage, humility, and patience to accept His pruning work in your life. Pray for strength to stay **connected** to Jesus during challenging seasons, trusting that God is at work for your good and growth.

Holy Spirit's Guidance: Invite the Holy Spirit to be your Helper this week. Ask Him to empower each of you to abide in Christ throughout each day. Ask the Spirit to grow His fruit in your life.

EMBRACE AND EMBODY

Read the paragraph below to help you frame ways to embody the truths this week in your everyday life:

This week, set aside a short “abiding break” each day. Pause for 5–10 minutes to pray or read a few verses of Scripture (for example, re-read John 15:4-5) and consciously **connect with Jesus**. Use that time to hand over your worries and tasks to Him – remind yourself that Jesus is the one who produces fruit in you. *(For instance, you might start your morning with a simple prayer of surrender, or during a stressful moment, pause to acknowledge, “Lord, I trust You; help me abide in You right now.”)* Notice how choosing faith and connection over frantic effort affects your peace and attitude throughout the week. Be ready to share what you experience!