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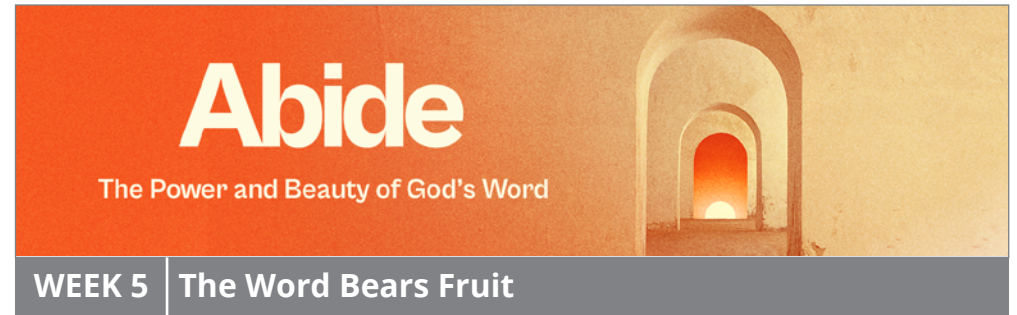
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PRAYER

Heavenly Father, teach me how to abide in Christ and he in me. Teach me to live my life as you would have me to live in total dependence upon you. This is the life of Christ being lived through me, so that I may produce the good fruit in my life that is honouring to you. This I ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

- Knowing Jesus

WARM UP (OPTIONAL)

Do you like gardening? Why or why not? If you do, what do you like to plant? If not, what vegetable or fruit might you want to try growing?

NOTES

WORD

¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, it is he that bears much fruit, for apart from me, you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

[JOHN 15:1-11](#)

Jesus is the vine who imparts life to his people. If we abide in him and his words abide in us, we will bear much fruit, and our prayers will be granted. If we obey his words, we will abide in his love, and our joy will be full.

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1-10 (1 = not at all; 10 = extremely), how much do you like to eat fruit and vegetables? Why might this be?
2. Verse 2 talks about being pruned so that you might bear more fruit. What might "pruning" look like in your own life? Are you willing to let God prune you so that you can live a life with more fruitfulness?
3. Like we learned last week, to ABIDE means to STAY, to LIVE IN, or to REMAIN. So what might it mean to "abide in the vine" in your every day life with Jesus? What are practical ways you can abide in Jesus?
4. What is the difference between the cutting (pruning) that is described in verse 2, and the cutting that is described in verse 6? Are you open to the cutting?
5. Have you put your trust in Jesus for eternal life in him? Would you be willing to ABIDE in God's word in every area of your life? Would you like to enter into a saving relationship with God through Jesus? Ask your Life Group leader to lead you in prayer to receive Christ. You can pray this prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite you to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Saviour. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYER