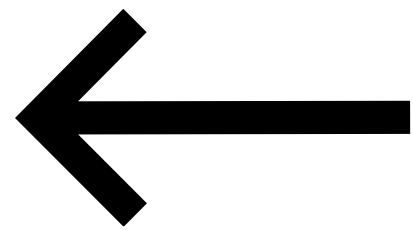


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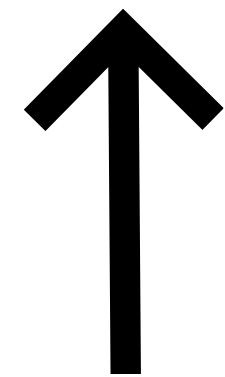


Looking Back

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When we “look back”, we want to thank God for what he has done, pray and care for one another, and help one another remain faithful and accountable to lessons that we have learned from the word of God. Here are some questions that you can ask in the Looking Back section of the meeting:

- **What has happened in your life for which you are thankful to God?**
- **How can we pray for you?**
- **How have you put the last lesson into practice in your life since our last meeting?**
- **With whom have you shared the Gospel or the story since our last meeting?**

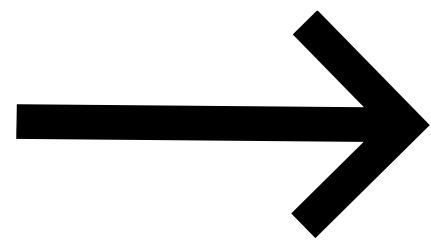


Looking Up

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When we “look up”, we ask God to teach us. We read a command from Jesus and a story from the Bible, asking God to help us understand how we should change based on what we have learned.

- **Read the command and teaching from Jesus:
John 15:1-11**
- **What is the command?**
- **Retell Jesus’s teaching in your own words.**
- **Did we leave out any important details when we retold the story?**
- **What have you learned about God from this story?**
- **What have you learned about people?**



Looking Forward

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When we “look forward”, we want to decide how to put the word of God into practice and set goals for actions to complete before the next meeting. Here are some questions that you can ask in this portion of the meeting:

- **What does it mean to abide in Christ?**
- **How can you put this story or these scriptures into practice?**
- **With whom can you share the story?**

You can also practice retelling the story so that you will be ready when you meet with the person with whom you would like to share.

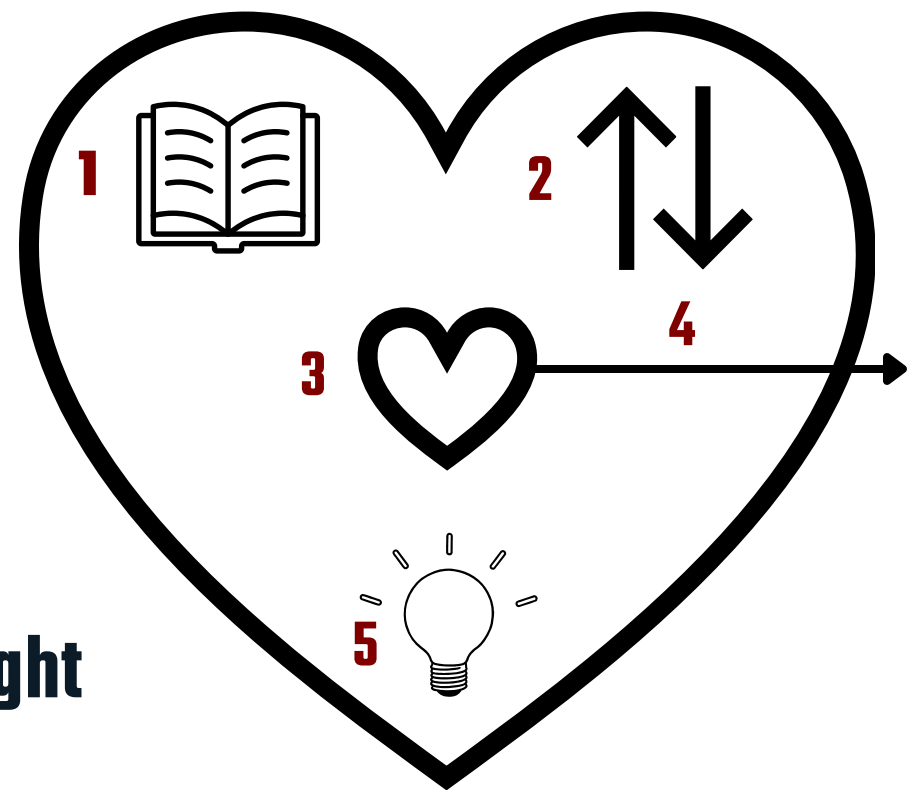
1. John 15:7 - Read the Word

2. John 15:7 - Pray and ask

3. John 15:9 - Remain

4. John 15:10 - Obey

5. 1 John 1:5-7 - Walk in the light



Teach the Lesson

Here is an easy way that you can teach the lesson to others.

Start by drawing a heart on a piece of paper and writing down the scriptures of the five ways that Jesus tells his disciples that they can abide in him.

Re-read each of the scriptures and draw the accompanying icon for each item inside of the heart, helping us to remember how we can abide in Christ each day.

Getting Started

We encourage every disciple of Jesus to get started abiding in Christ by spending time each day in the Word of God and in prayer, learning each day to abide in Christ. Here is a simple way that you can do this:

Each day, individually

Step 1: Pause and Pray

Spend a few moments in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to guide and direct your reading of the Bible. Read with an open heart and listen for any words of direction, encouragement, or correction.

Step 2: Read

Read the chapters of the Bible listed for today. While you read, underline or highlight any words, phrases, or verses that you sense God is speaking to you about. Today's chapters are listed each day on this site:

<https://searchparty.org/abiding-in-christ/>

Step 3: Write

Turn to a fresh page in your journal, write the date and page number at the top and then go through the SOAPS process of journaling to reflect your thoughts.

- **Scripture** – Write out the verse or passage of Scripture that the Holy Spirit has shown you for that day, including the reference.
- **Observation** – Look at the surrounding context of the verse you selected and write down any observations. Try to explain the passage in your own words.
- **Application** – Ask how this verse might apply to your life. What is God calling you to do or to remember as a result? What is your next step and how can you be obedient?
- **Prayer** – Write out a closing prayer. Use this final section to speak back to God a request or commitment.
- **Share** – Look for opportunities throughout the day or week to share with others how God spoke to you through this passage. Finish your journal entry by giving it a short title at the top and then transfer the date, Scripture reference, title, and page number to the table of contents.

Step 4: Pray

Conclude your time by praying for what you have written and for anyone you know who needs to surrender to God.

Each week with 1 or 2 others

Use the list of questions below to meet together with 1 or 2 other friends who are also praying and reading on a daily basis:

Bible Reading

- How many days did you read the Bible this week?
- How did you hear God speak this week?
- Share a journal entry
- Did you have any questions from your reading?

Accountability

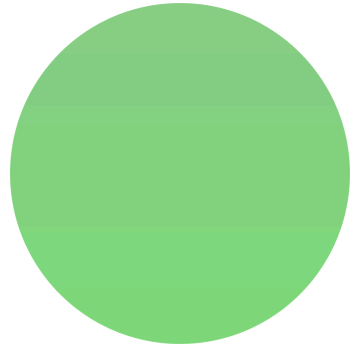
Pick 2-3 questions from the following list:

- How is it with your soul? (Proverbs 4:23)
- What are you celebrating? (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- Where are you struggling or being tempted? (1 Corinthians 10:13)
- How has the Holy Spirit been speaking to you? (John 16:13)
- Do you have any sin to confess? (1 John 1:9, James 5:16)
- Have you been angry, fearful, or anxious? Why? (Ephesians 4:26, Isaiah 41:10, Philippians 4:6)
- Do you need to reconcile with anyone? (Matthew 5:23-24)
- How well are you loving those whom God has placed in your life? (James 2:8)

Prayer for Others

- Each member of the group should bring their Generation Maps with them and place them in front of them in this time.
- Who are you praying for this week and why?
- Who are you praying will surrender their life to Jesus?
- Who is someone you could start a discipleship group with in the future?

Close in prayer for these requests and for one another.



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