

Study Guide

The Freedom in Knowing Jesus

1. Read John 15:5. How does Jesus define what it means to *know* Him? What is your initial reaction/response to the word *abide*?
2. Read v. 7-10 (also see John 8:31-32). What does it look like to abide/remain in Jesus?
3. Read v. 6. What are your "*go to*" *prisons* that distract or disrupt you from *abiding* in Jesus?
4. Read v. 11 & John 8:31-32. How does (or could) *abiding* in Jesus bring *freedom* in your life?
5. From God's Word, how does God define Himself and how does that affect you? How does God define you and how does that shape our value?

Message Slides

Slide 1- [Pic of family]:

Slide 2- [Roller coaster video]:

Slide 3- [Vine & branches image]:

Slide 4- John 15:

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Slide 5- John 15:5 text (ESV), with the word "abide" highlighted in red text

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Slide 8- *Abiding in Christ = Freedom* [Just this phrase on the slide]

Slide 9- "Go To" Prisons [Just this phrase on the slide]

Slide 8- *What does it really mean to abide in Jesus?* [Just this question on the slide]

Slide 9- *If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.* John 8:31-32 (ESV)