

Discussion Guide for Abiding in Christ: Part 1

1. Read John 15:1-5 and briefly review the sermon outline.

What parts of Sunday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening, unclear or troubling?

2. Truth: Once we are saved by faith, born again and made new creations in Christ, our salvation in is secure in Christ. God's continued love and acceptance are rock-solid because they are based on His faithfulness, His will, His power and His promises.

Read John 10:24–30

- How can you tell if you are Christ's sheep?
- What are the promises for Christ's sheep?
- How concrete are the promises of 10:28?
- How does the "keeping power" of God encourage you in your weakness?

Read Romans 5:1–6

- What is our role in justification and access to God?
- Our position before God is describe as "this grace in which we stand". How does standing in grace effect this the way we respond to our failures?
- How does standing in grace effect our view of our spiritual achievements?
- What is clear gestures of love does God make towards us in 5:5 and 5:6?
- How has the presence of the Spirit and the sacrifice of Christ sustained your joy in sufferings?