

Discussion Guide for Abiding in Christ: Part 3

1. Read John 15:1-4 and briefly review the sermon outline.

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

2. Truth: God prunes us to help us to focus our limited energy, resources and time towards His desired results: Bearing fruit for His glory.

We asked these questions of ourselves: *Are there any sins that are keeping me from maximum fruitfulness? & Am I allowing my trials to purify me as God intends?*

-Do you have any reflections to share with the group?

We also asked these questions of ourselves: *Are there any worldly desires that are stealing my hope or my heart away from God? & Is my energy focused on things that are eternal?*

-Do you have any reflections to share with the group?

Read Matthew 6:19-21

-Why does Jesus say not to store up treasures on earth?

-How do you guard heart from loving worldly treasures?

Read 1 Timothy 6:6-12

-What are the warnings in this passage?

-What are we to seek instead of worldly riches?

-What can we do to actively seek "godliness with contentment", "righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness."