

***Abide in Christ – John 15:1-12***

**Step One** – Read the passage through slowly, taking time to really let it sink in. Maybe even read it a second time through before you move on. Circle or underline any words or phrases that jump out at you.

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*“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup> He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes<sup>□</sup> to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You have already been cleansed<sup>□</sup> by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become<sup>□</sup> my disciples. <sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.*

<sup>12</sup> *“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*

**Step Two:** Taking each word or phrase that jumped out at you, ask yourself:

- 1- What is happening in this story that makes these words/phrases meaningful in the story?
- 2- What is the Holy Spirit doing through these words in this story?

**Step Three:** Looking at each word/phrase and your response to each, ask yourself,

- 1- “What do I think these words/phrases say about God/Jesus?”
- 2- “What do I think these words/phrases say about the others in the story?”

**Step Four:** Now ask yourself:

- 1- “What do I think God is saying to me in each of these?”
- 2- “How do these words/phrases connect to each other?”
- 3- “How do these words/phrases connect to me and my life?”

4- “Why do I think God is speaking to me regarding this?”

**Step Five**: Pray, asking God to show you how you should respond to these insights from your study today.

**Step Six**: Make yourself a little note or reminder of some sort to help you work on this for the rest of the week.

**Step Seven**: Put the reminder in a place that will help you remember your discipline of working on this insight, like:

- 1- The Refrigerator door
- 2- Car dashboard
- 3- Bathroom mirror
- 4- Nightstand
- 5- Cellphone cover
- 6- Anywhere that will help you in your practice of your discipline.