

Abiding (Remaining) in the Holy Spirit

The word 'abide' or 'remain' in new versions of the bible comes from the word 'Meno' which means to 'hang out', 'stay', and 'tarry'.

John 15:5

Acts 3:1-12

What does **ABIDING** in the **HOLY SPIRIT** look like?

- **DOING** the **RIGHT** things at the **RIGHT** time - Acts 3:1
- **WILLING** to be **INTERRUPTED** - Acts 3:4
- **RESPONDING** to the **NEEDS** of others - Acts 3:4-6
- **PROMOTING JESUS**, not **THEMSELVES** - Acts 3:6, 12; Luke 17:10

Next Steps:

- ☐ Did you pray and give your life to Jesus for the first time today? Email us at pastorneil@covenantfamilychapel.org
- ☐ Help Covenant Family Chapel reach more people by sending this message and the notes to someone.
- ☐ Visit <https://covenantfamilychapel.org> to listen to another message or listen on WFMD 930AM Radio station in Frederick on Sundays Mornings at 9:30 am and WWNL 1080AM & 103.9FM on Fridays at 3 pm in Pittsburg (PA, OHIO, MD, and WEST VIRGINIA). Thank You

Growth Group Study Questions

For the week of April 23, 2023

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

MY EXPERIENCES

1. Go back through the "Lesson from Peter and John" section of your notes and rank yourself on the following on a scale of 1 to 5. Where 1 means I need a lot of work and 5 I am doing great.

Abiding in the Vine	1	2	3	4	5
Willing to be interrupted	1	2	3	4	5
Responding to the Needs of other	1	2	3	4	5
Promoting Jesus, not themselves	1	2	3	4	5

2. Sometimes we need someone to make a special stop or create time for us. Share with your group members any person or group who has given you their time in a way that really impacted you.

DIGGING DEEPER

MARK chapter 5 gives a good example of a time when Jesus was interrupted several times. As you read through the stories in Mark 5, note similarities and differences, etc. in the stories. For example, the little girl was 12 years old, and the woman with the issue of blood suffered for 12 years. After that answer the following questions:

1. What interruptions did Jesus experience?
2. Can you think of any legitimate reasons others in the story could have given for why Jesus shouldn't have stopped for the interruptions?
3. How might Jesus' response to the interruptions in the story help us do a better job of responding to people in need today?

4. What are some of the reasons/excuses/justifications you tend to give for not having enough time for people?
5. What interruptions tell your story?
6. Where in your life have you needed to touch Jesus, or have him touch you?

HOMEWORK

In light of the sermon and homework, when it comes to increasing your “willingness” to help those around you, such as family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, or those in your community, are there any you want to be more intentional about helping in the next few weeks?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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SERVICE PROJECTS

Please continue to discuss and work on your service projects. Pray about it as you discuss and let the Holy Spirit lead you.