

I Follow Jesus

FULLY DEVOTED TO CHRIST

“The bottom line is, hour by hour, let us receive and rest in and trust and savour and enjoy Christ’s word and love and joy while we submit externally to the merciful providences of God.”
John Piper

PERSONAL DEVOTION TO CHRIST (John 15:1-11)

1. How would you define the word devote? What does/doesn’t it look like? How might you know if you are/aren’t devoted to something or someone?

2. As you consider the imagery of John 15:1-11, what do you observe about your relationship with Christ? Answer the following questions...

- What word does Jesus use to speak of “devotion” in this passage?
- Who is the Vine? (v.1a)
- Who is the Vinedresser and what does He do? (v.1b-2)
- Who are the branches? (v.5a)
- What do the branches do? What can the branches accomplish apart from the Vine? (v.5b)

3. We often hear that we must personally abide in Christ, but what do we mean by this statement? How do we personally abide in Christ, every hour of every day? Notice the John Piper quote at the top of the page. Jesus is very specific as He teaches us what it means to abide in Him. Complete the chart below in order to understand the meaning and draw out the application.

“Abide in my...”	What does this mean?	What does this look like for you personally?
WORDS (v.7)		
LOVE (v.9)		
COMMANDMENTS (v.10)		
JOY (v.11)		

a) Why is abiding in Christ, in the specific ways listed above, essential to maintaining unyielding devotion to Him?

COMMUNITY DEVOTION TO CHRIST (Romans 12:10)

Romans 12:10 (NASB) ***“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honour”***

4. Share briefly how personal devotion to Christ (*abiding in Him*) fuels our community devotion to Christ (*living in authentic community with one another*)?

a) When you are struggling spiritually do you gravitate towards others or away from them?

b) When there is unconfessed sin in your life do you seek out accountability or shy away from it?

5. As you consider what it means to be radically devoted to one another read the following Scriptures and write down how it practically applies to your life.

Meeting together consistently (Hebrews 10:25)

Intentionally stirring others up to love Christ (Hebrews 10:24)

Exhorting others against the deceitfulness of sin (Heb. 3:13)

Bearing each others burdens (Galatians 6:2)

Forgiving as we have been forgiven (Ephesians 4:32)

Genuinely loving one another (Romans 12:10)

Serving each other whole heartedly (Galatians 5:13)

Submitting to one another in humility (Ephesians 5:21)

6. As you have reflected on what it looks like to live devoted to Christ, both personally and with others, what is the most pressing area you currently need to grow in?

BREAKOUT

1. Share how you have been impacted by this study. Reflect on questions 6 and share with your group one or two areas you believe you need to grow in currently. As each individual shares ask to group members to pray for them specifically (*Please focus your prayers on the need that was shared*).

2. Share general prayer requests in your group and pray for one another OR spend time worshipping the Lord together and stirring up one another's devotion to Christ.