

Week 3:

Abiding Closer, Asking Bolder



Questions

1. What illustration, story or scripture had the greatest impact on you this week?
2. Read John 15:7. What surprises you about Jesus's words in this verse? Has this shown itself to be true in your life? How?
3. What has your prayer life looked like? What obstacles stand in the way when you try to pray?
4. Pastor John listed several of his personal big prayers that he's waiting to be answered. Which big prayers are you waiting to hear from God on?
5. How will you "remain in" Christ as a lifestyle this year? How will you ensure God's Word abides in you?
6. If God would do one thing, what would you ask? (In your family, your inner life, your career, your provision, purpose, and desires)
7. Read Luke 18:1. How do you persist in not giving up? How do you continue to pray in the face of opposition?

Scripture References

Read John 15:7-8; John 15:3-5; Luke 18:1; John 14:31; John 15:12; Mark 14:32-42; John 17:4; John 14:28; John 17:6-8; Matthew 7:9-11; Hebrews 4:16

Takeaways

- To live your most joyful life...
 - You must be attached to Jesus as your lifeblood (John 15:5)
 - Discover the joy of answered prayer (John 15:7)
- Abide closer, ask bolder, watch God do miracles
- What does it look like to "abide" or remain in Jesus?
 - Stick with Him when confused (John 14:31)
 - Be with His people (John 15:12)
 - Be serving others (John 15:8)
 - Trust Him when it hurts (Mark 14:32-42)
- What does it look like for God's Word to "abide" in you?
 - It purifies you (John 15:3)
 - It changes your priorities (John 17:4)
 - It changes your values (John 17:28)
 - You think a bit more like God each week (John 17:6-8)

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- What does it look like to "ask whatever you wish?"
 - Verbalize your desires to God (John 15:7)
 - Don't hold back (Matthew 7:9-11)
 - Ask with confidence (Hebrews 4:16)
 - Keep asking over time (Luke 18:1)