

STUDY ON ABIDING (John 8:31-47)

Divine Abundance 2026 Weekly Sermon Series

Warming Up... On a day-to-day basis, what do you think about the most? How is what we think about affected by our families, culture, socials, work?	Aims & Objectives of today's session: Today's session is to encourage members of the group to explore what it truly means to "abide" in Christ and how to take action in this.
Read John 8:31-47 - Who are the people mentioned in this passage? What does Jesus say about them and their identities? Why do you think he targets them? (v39 and v44). - Jesus said some harsh hard-hitting things in v45 and 47. This targets the "positional" dimension, knowing who God is. How can it be possible to know the facts about God without really knowing him? - How can spending time with Jesus help us develop a deeper understanding and to recognise His truth? - Define "abide" in your own terms. - What are some things in your life that compete with your time, thoughts, allegiance? (could they be success, reputation, financial security, comfort, control, cultural values?) - What are some things that you have a hard time surrendering to God? - Spend some quiet moments looking over the following statements, and re-read it to yourselves quietly. When we abide in Christ: We know who we are IN Him His truth is made evident to us and in our lives We are set free from sin and fear, there is no condemnation We hear God's voice We are transformed and made more into His image We experience peace, joy and rest. This is an invitation to you, not just to believe and know, but to really experience the above to belong in Him and remain with Him. - After some quiet moments, discuss in pairs or trios: share– are there any statements you doubt? What are the statements that give you comfort and encouragement? - How can you intentionally remain connected to Jesus this week? - End in prayer, submitting those concerns and ask the Spirit to help this week.	Side Note: John 8 in sum, is Jesus addressing people who believed they already knew God. They found confidence built on their spiritual Jewish heritage—claiming Abraham as their spiritual father. Yet Jesus went to challenge them that their identity was not simply determined in this way, but by what they loved, followed and obeyed. Today's session invites us to examine what it TRULY means to abide in Christ. Abiding is not simply believing certain facts about God, but it is positional and relational: it is knowing where we belong and remaining connected to the One to whom we belong. Sometimes knowing God's titles can just be head knowledge, but to really know God personally, it is also a heart thing. Positionally and relationally.
	Prayer & Reflection this week Continue to dwell and spend time in the Lord, what does intentionally remaining and abiding in the Lord look like? Actively choose and prioritize this, this week.
	Ending with prayer Jesus we thank You that not only do you invite us in to know and believe, but to belong and to remain in You. Help us and direct us and may we continue to abide in You this week. Help us to hear Your voice and continue to remind us we have been set free to abide and remain in You. Amen.