

# Sunday Sermon Questions • 5/18/2025

## ABIDE

### The True Meaning of Abiding

What does it mean to you personally to "abide" in Christ?  
How can you tell when you're truly connected to the Vine and not just adding Jesus as another item on your "shelf of life"?

### Reordering the Shelf

Which area of your life (work/school, finances, relationships, time) tends to take priority over your relationship with Jesus?  
How might you reorder your life to place Jesus as the foundation rather than a compartment?

### Habits of the Vine vs. Habits of the World

What habits have you formed that reflect a life abiding in Christ—and which ones reflect abiding in the world?  
Are there specific habits (digital, relational, or time-related) that you feel called to change?

### Happiness or Holy Joy?

How do you distinguish between happiness and joy in your life?  
Can you recall a moment when joy—rooted in Christ—carried you through a difficult season, even in the absence of happiness?

### Making Space for the Spirit

The sermon emphasized creating margin and eliminating distractions.  
What's one practical step you can take this week to create space for God—whether through sabbath, stillness, or intentional slowness?

## Prayer Prompt:

Jesus, You are the Vine, and I am the branch. I confess the times I've tried to bear fruit on my own or have abided in things that don't bring life. Teach me to remain in You. Help me reorder my life so that You are not just a part, but the foundation. Give me the courage to create margin, to build better habits, and to pursue joy that comes only from You. Let the fruit of the Spirit grow in me—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—as I learn to abide in You daily.

Amen.