

DISCIPLE

THE JOURNEY OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH



Bridge City
CHURCH

Part 5: Abiding In The Word Of God

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CONVERSATION GUIDE



SMALL GROUPS

Throughout this series, we've learned that discipleship is built on a defined relationship with Jesus, a life planted in community, a heart willing to serve, and a rhythm that includes rest. Today we take a deeper step: understanding that all of this is sustained by a clear and constant source. It's not only about what we do as disciples, but about where we are being formed internally.

In **John 8:30–32**, Jesus teaches that a true disciple is not guided by personal ideas or shifting philosophies, but remains in His Word. Remaining implies consistency, intention, and an ongoing relationship with what God has said. It is not occasional contact, but a daily decision to allow His truth to shape the way we think, believe, and live. This kind of remaining produces something tangible: knowing the truth—and that truth brings real freedom, not something superficial or temporary.

As He spoke these words, many believed in Him. Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

John 8:30–32 (NKJV)



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. Jesus directly connects being a disciple with remaining in His Word. What do you think it means in practice to "remain," and how is that different from simply knowing or occasionally hearing the Word?
2. **Hebrews 4:12** describes the Word of God as living, powerful, and able to discern the deepest parts of the heart. Can you recall a moment when a biblical truth confronted or revealed something within you? How did you respond at that time?

3. We often develop personal ways of thinking that are not necessarily aligned with the truth. What kinds of ideas, habits, or perspectives might be competing today with God's truth in your life?

A true disciple of Jesus remains grounded in the Word of God, not in personal opinions or worldly thinking.

MAKE IT PRACTICAL

Let's apply these three truths about the relationship between a disciple and the Word:

1. **A true disciple remains in the Word of God.** Choose a specific time each day to read a short passage and stay with it without rushing. Ask yourself a simple question: what is this showing me about God or about myself? The key is not quantity, but consistency.
2. **By remaining in the Word of God, they will know the truth.** Write down one truth you find in your daily reading and carry it with you throughout the day. You can save it on your phone or repeat it in your mind. What lies of the enemy can you overcome with this truth from God?
3. **And by knowing the truth, they will be set free.** Identify a situation where you feel confusion, pressure, or insecurity. Pause and ask yourself: what truth do I need to remember here? Then act based on that truth, even if it's just one small step.

PRAYER

"Thank You, Jesus, because You have given us Your Word as a firm guide for our lives. We recognize that many times we have followed our own ideas instead of remaining in what You say. Today we ask You to help us be consistent, to hear Your truth, and to live it out in our daily lives. This week we want to walk in the freedom that comes from knowing You more through Your Word. Amen."

TIPS

- Choose wisely what you fill your mind with. Even when it feels difficult, studying the Word aligns our lives with the truth that remains.
- This week, don't aim for perfection; focus on being consistent, even if it's just small steps each day.
- In the long run, a life shaped by the Word doesn't just transform what you do—it transforms who you are becoming.



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