

Abiding vs. Abounding

Small Group Questions

Getting to know you question:

1. Describe your normal daily routine to the group.

Sermon reflection questions:

2. Review your notes from Sunday's sermon and list two observations you found impactful.

Into the Bible:

The natural rhythm of abiding and abounding should be like breathing. You inhale (draw from God) and exhale (actively pursue the tasks God has called you to do). Yet there can be tension between these two.

1. First, as a group, discuss what the terms abiding and abounding mean. What does each look like in your daily life?

2. Which one feels more spiritual to you? Why do you think that is?

3. Which one of these two do you find yourself having to work harder to develop?

4. When it comes to abiding, different people draw from God in different ways. Some examples could be time alone in scriptures, a walk in the woods, listening to worshipful music, an extended time of prayer. What does abiding look like to you?

5. We are also different when it comes to abounding. How has God wired you for action?

6. What is the main message of Psalm 46:10, "Be still, and know that I am God"?

7. James 2:17 says, "Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by works, is dead." How does this strong language seem to create tension with the verse in question 6?

8. How does Jesus describe both of these ideas in John 15:1-5?

9. If Jesus were to give you some "feedback" on how these two are playing out in your life, which would he focus on and what do you think he would suggest?

10. What does the rhythm of abiding and abounding look like in your life? Where have you experienced the negative impact of being out of rhythm?

Application:

11. What steps can you take to develop a more consistent rhythm when it comes to abiding and abounding?