

THIS IS THE WAY



GOING DEEPER AT HOME

SEPT 25: STAYING CLOSE TO JESUS

Have you ever ventured out to do something new? If so, you either launched into it confidently or with trepidation because you had no idea what you were doing. The latter is perhaps the experience of many. It never feels good to be unprepared or ill-equipped. Some of us may feel that way about being a Christian. Jesus invites us to be His disciple, but to be a follower of Jesus we need to spend time with Him, to learn His way.

SCRIPTURE:

John 15:1 - 8

GOING DEEPER QUESTIONS:

1. Share a time you felt ill-equipped or unprepared to do something. How did it go?
2. What is something from the message that stood out to you, was new or challenged you?
3. Respond to William Paulsell's quote: "It is unlikely that we will deepen our relationship with God in a cause or haphazard manner. There will be a need for some intentional commitment and some reorganization in our own lives. But there is nothing that will enrich our lives more than a deeper and clearer perception of God's presence in the routine of daily living."
4. How would you describe your discipleship with Jesus? Is it daily, regular or hap-hazard?
5. Read John 15:1 - 3. Why do you think Jesus starts with pruning? Why do we need pruning? What is your typical response to pruning, to taking away?
6. Read John 15:4 - 8. Why do you think Jesus uses the word "remain" so many times? What do we need to hear?
7. "Remain" is a grafting term. How does this impact your understanding of being close to Jesus or spending time with Jesus?
8. What are different ways you can "remain" with Jesus?
9. What step(s) is the Holy Spirit inviting you to take to be close or closer to Jesus?