

Abiding in Christ

The Power of Prayer

John 15:7-8

MAIN IDEAS

- Prayer as a Foundational Step in Knowing God
- The Reforming Power of the Word
- What Does It Mean for Jesus's Words to Abide in Us?
- Practical Ways for Jesus's Word to Abide in You

Write a list of one- or two-word actions we should take in relation to God's Word. To make your list, consider these passages: Jeremiah 2:31, Joshua 1:8, Colossians 3:16, Deuteronomy 6:6-9, Acts 17:11, Psalm 119:9, Psalm 119:11, 1 Corinthians 15:1-2, Jeremiah 15:16.

Review the list. What does it mean for Jesus' words to abide in you?

How does God's Word influence our desires? Consider Psalm 19:7-8, Psalm 119:105; John 17:17.

Why does God answer our prayers? Consider Matthew 7:7-11 and John 14:13.

Read John 15:7, 1 John 3:21-22, 1 John 5:14-15, Mark 11:22-24, John 14:14, and James 4:3. List the ways can we have confidence in our prayers.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

How well are God's words abiding in you?

Brainstorm ways to keep God's words in your heart. Which ways have you already tried? How did it go?

Choose a method of abiding in God's Word and do it this week.

When you pray, are you confident that God will answer? Why or why not?

How can you become more confident that God will answer your prayers? Pursue this in the week ahead.

Choose one of the verses from the study and meditate on it this week.

GROUP RESPONSE

Abide in God's Word together this week. Every day, after spending personal time in God's Word, pick a verse from what you read and share it with the group—over text, email, phone, or in person.

REPRODUCE

Do you know someone whose prayers are not being answered? Comfort them with these verses: Psalm 27:14, Proverbs 19:21, or one of the verses in the study.

KEY VERSES

From the sermon:

- Isaiah 56:7
- John 15:7-8
- John 15:11

Additional verses from the study:

- Deuteronomy 6:6-9
- Joshua 1:8
- Psalm 19:7-8
- Psalm 27:14
- Psalm 119:9
- Psalm 119:11
- Psalm 119:105
- Proverbs 19:21
- Jeremiah 2:31
- Jeremiah 15:16
- Matthew 7:7-11
- Mark 11:22-24
- John 14:13
- John 14:14
- John 17:17
- Acts 17:11
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-2
- Colossians 3:16
- James 4:3
- 1 John 3:21-22
- 1 John 5:14-15