

COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

BEING WITH JESUS - 2/18/2024

Communion

- At some point during your time together, take communion together.
- Share a Scripture that reminds you about the death of Jesus and the meaning for us.
- If you don't have one in mind, you can use 1 Corinthians 11
- spend a moment in silence to experience the presence of Christ

Review

Open invitation from Jesus

- “Follow Me”, “Come and See”
- to go on a journey with Jesus; to get up close and hang out with Jesus

How do we do this today?

- Read JOHN 14:16–29
- Read JOHN 15:1–11

Learning to live in two places at once

- “Abiding”
- Pray without ceasing
- Contemplation
- Practicing the Presence of God

Abiding leads to spiritual flourishing

- Galatians 5:12–26

If you want to experience the life of Jesus, you have to adopt the lifestyle of Jesus

- Practicing the Presence of God
- practices or spiritual disciplines are habits that we incorporate into our daily routines that helps us be with and come to know Jesus

Discussion

1. What do you think Jesus meant by abiding / remaining in Him? How does the metaphor of the vine and branches help you think about it?

2. What has been your experience with practicing the presence of God?
3. Do you have any “practices” or spiritual disciplines that you regularly incorporate into your routine? What are they? In what way do they help you? Would you be interested in learning new or additional practices?