



FAITH

Ice Breaker: How are your new years resolutions coming?

Read Together: John 15:5 (NIV) , John 15:1:11 (ESV)

Discuss:

- >Have you ever been rappelling?
- >Describe your feelings when you were listening to Jason describe leaning back into the rappelling rope.
- >Jesus is not the instructor. He is the rope. Tell us how you feel about trusting Him as your Rope!

Consider: Jesus used a very significant illustration for the Jewish people. He talked about being the Vine. The vine sustains the fruit growing on the vine. The father is the vine dresser. The Vinedresser cuts off what is not good for the vine and the fruit. We stay connected to the vine if we want to thrive. When you abide in God, you pray HIS will, not your will.

Discuss:

- >How many mountains have you seen cast into the sea?
- >How do you know if you are praying your will or God's will?
- > Why didn't Jesus heal everybody?

Consider: Our authority comes from the will of the Father, not the will of the human.

Jesus is not just an instructor to help us accomplish a good life. He is the source of power to do it ALL. Jesus told them the concept of abiding in Him, the night before He died.

>There is no difference in my strength and power in this difficult moment than there was when things were going well. Jesus is the same. The provision of HIM is the same in the good and bad moments.

Discuss:

- We all face things in life that we never saw coming. What are those things for you?
- What are some of the things you fear that He will not be enough to sustain you through?

Read Together: 1 Corinthians 3:12-15 (NIV)

Consider: When we live as if we have control of situations in our lives, all of our efforts will be burned up.

Discuss:

- >How dependent are you on God as you approach this new year?
- > Take a moment or two to surrender again to the Lord. Affirming that He is LORD.
- > Reaffirm that we only want what God wants.

Read these over each other. Prayerfully and thoughtfully:

John 14:1-3 (NIV), John 14:16-17 (NKJV), John 14:18-19 (NKJV), John 14:27 (NKJV), John 16:8-11 (NIV), John 16:20 (NIV)

Discuss:

- Share with your group how your heart and spirit responds to these verses.

Pray together:

Father, I want your will for my life. Help me to abide in you. Help me to pray your heart. Help me to walk with you in absolute trust. I give you the FULL weight of my trust this year. Remind me that you are my source when I forget. In the name of Jesus! Amen.