

## Command of Christ 3: Abide + ffG Generational Map

### < Looking Back:

1. Care: Share a personal highlight and a challenge from your life since your last gathering. Keep to a couple sentences instead of “page-length” because we have a lot to cover today. (limit to 10 minutes)
2. Worship: Sing/listen to a worship song -or- share something about God you’re thankful for.
3. Loving Accountability (be sure to ask every individual to share):
  - Grow: How have you obeyed Jesus since our last session?
  - Go: Who have you shared Jesus with since our last session
  - Note: If your disciple has not shared with anyone yet, you need to schedule a time this week to go out with them and help them share the gospel with someone. You do not want to enable disobedience.*
  - Gather: How are your disciples doing? What steps of obedience are they taking?
4. Vision: *Generational Map of people far from God (ffG) in your life:*
  - Read the following passages and discuss how God used these people to reach those in their life:
    - John 4:39, 41 (Samaritan woman)
    - Mark 2:13-17 (Levi)
    - Acts 16:11-15 (Lydia)
    - Acts 16:25-34 (Philippian jailer)
  - Realize that God wants to do the same with you and your disciples, and their disciples...
  - Divide a piece of paper into 3 columns & label each column:
    - 1=“Friends+Family”: those in your life you’re related/close to
    - 2=“Neighbors/Co-workers/Classmates”: those in your life but not as close to (not on list 1)
    - 3=“Common Interest”: those your hobbies/interests allow you to be around
  - In each column, list out ffG people you know. Then list out generations of ffG people *they* know.
  - Ex: My best buddy’s neighbor works at the coffee shop w some employees = 3 generations of ffG people.* When completed, lay hands on the maps and pray for these potential generations of disciples.

### ^Looking Up:

5. New Lesson: *Command of Christ 3 – Abide \**
  - Read the Command: In **John 15:4**, Jesus says....
  - Read the Story: **John 15:1-11** (Vine and the branches) and study the passage for obedience using the “SWORD” method:
    - What does this story tell us about Jesus? About people?
    - What examples are there to follow & avoid? Commands to obey?

*How to Abide?:* Here is a simple method called “PLUMP” that will help you abide in Him daily:

Pray that God will speak to you

Listen to God by reading His Word (the Bible)

Underline, highlight or write down the verses that stick out to you

Meditate or think how to apply what is underlined

Pray and ask God how He wants you to obey Him

*Put into Practice:* Take 5 minutes to practice this PLUMP method of daily abiding using John 15:1-11 as the passage. Have everyone share what God spoke to them through His Word.

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IMPORTANT: To continue abiding in Jesus and growing in your relationship with God, it is important for you to commit a time/place every day when you will talk to Him (pray) and listen to Him (read the Bible).

### > **Looking Ahead:**

6. Practice: Until you are confident, practice sharing the Gospel
7. Set Goals: Be "SMART" (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Timely)
  - GROW: Based on today's lesson, how will you obey Jesus this week?
    - Have your disciple choose a time *and* place each day where they will spend time alone with God abiding in Him (use PLUMP).
    - Help them identify where to start reading in the Bible (ex: John or 2OT/1NT chapters daily) and encourage them to read through instead of bouncing around.
  - GO: Who will you share your story + Jesus' story with this week?
  - GATHER: What is your plan to meet with your disciples to help them obey Jesus?

Note: Be sure the leader records these goals so each person can be held accountable next time.

8. Pray: Ask Jesus for the faith and power to obey Him this week. Pray for the people in your life who are far from God (the list) that they will choose to follow Jesus.