

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

REMAINING IN HIS LOVE

Bob Goff – August 31, 2014

This week Bob Goff began the message by talking about living under the Uganda flag and how where the flag flies, it is Uganda. In a similar way, we are under God's flag and wherever his flag is, his kingdom rules and we are under his protection. The challenge is for us to remain in his love and thus stay "under" his flag.

Bob posed three questions to help us understand what it means to remain in God's love:

1. Who are you?
2. Where are you?
3. What do you want?

Let's take a look at what it means to remain in Jesus' love.

MEMORY VERSE

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. John 15:12-13

DISCUSSION STARTERS

What does the word "love" make you think of?

Share an example of someone in your life who has demonstrated selfless love.

STUDY QUESTIONS

→ Read John 15:1-5

- Describe the different parts of this illustration that Jesus is using
- What does it mean for the vinedresser to prune the vine? What connection does that have to do with us?



- Is there an area of your life that God is pruning right now? What are you having a hard time letting go of?
- Read v3 again – this is a “who are you?” statement. What does it mean that you are already clean?
- What does it mean to abide (or remain) in Jesus? (*consider looking on the web for a definition of “abide”*)
- Do you agree with Jesus’ statement, “*apart from me you can do nothing*”(v5b)? What do you think he’s getting at?

→ **Read John 15:6-11**

- What do these verses say about how we abide (or remain) in Jesus?
- What does verse 11 describe as a benefit of abiding in Jesus? How would this impact your quality of life?

→ **Read John 15:12-17**

- How is intimacy with Christ established in a friendship?
- How has your friendship with Christ impacted your relationships with others?

GROUP ACTIVITY

Discuss: What evidence in your life shows where you have been remaining or abiding?

Prayer: Pair up and pray for each other that as you read and study God’s Word this week he would reveal the areas that need pruning and the things you can for another.

Take home:

- Continue to reflect on John 15
- Take note of the times God produces good deeds out of you
- Ask God to put someone on your heart and to show you what he sees in them



