

Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group



April 13, 2025

Trust in Jesus' Presence Always - #6 in the series: *Make Disciples*

Texts Referenced (NRSV): John 15:1-9, 16-17; Matthew 28:20

1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. Think about a situation when you were aware of God's presence.
 - What were the circumstances?
 - How did the situation help you understand your connection to God?
3. **Read John 15:1-8.**
 - Why might Jesus have chosen images of a vine, branches, fruit, and a gardener to illustrate the truths of the disciples' relationships - and ours - with Him?
 - What is the "fruit" Jesus calls his disciples to bear?
4. **Read John 15:9-11.**

Jesus repeatedly uses the word *abide* to describe the connection He desires with us.

 - Given the Greek origin of *abide* (meno), which means to remain, what does abiding look like to you?
 - What are some things that can keep us from abiding in Christ?
5. **Read John 15:16-17; Matthew 28:20.**

Consider the promise of God's answer to prayer and the reassurance of his presence.

 - Can you recall when abiding in Jesus has resulted in answers to prayer?
 - What can we learn from the ways Jesus demonstrated his earthly presence?
6. How have the following topics in this series, *Make Disciples*, helped you better understand what it means to be or make disciples?
 - Live Like a Disciple
 - Go!
 - Baptize
 - Be A Witness
 - Teach and Learn About Jesus
 - Trust in Jesus' Presence Always
7. How can we pray for you?