



## ABIDE

### Prayer

**ICEBREAKER:** What is your favorite holiday to celebrate with family and why?

**WORSHIP:** (Words should be printed out so everyone can sing along)

**EDIFICATION: JOHN 15:5-9**

Just as branches can only bear fruit if they ABIDE in the vine, we as believers must also abide in Jesus in order to produce fruitful lives. Growth is seen in a branch through its connection with the vine, and just the same, we grow through our relationship with Christ. At The Cloud Church, a few ways we ABIDE in Jesus are through our Sunday Celebrations where we gather with a purpose, and our School of Discipleship, where we go deeper into what it means to grow in God. These gatherings are extremely important in order to abide. Just as a branch draws strength from the vine, we believe we draw strength from one another when we gather together with our church family.

**In these avenues of abiding, we practice the following:**

### Time with the Word of God

This is where we discover God's secrets for our lives. In our Sunday Celebrations we hear what God has for our church community. At our School of Discipleship, we discover the purpose of our lives for God's plan.

- **Consider your path:**

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet, and light for my path. Psalm 119:105 ESV

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Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12 (NIV)

### WE RELATE TO GOD IN THREE WAYS:

- **THANKSGIVING** - When we give thanks we recognize His kindness.

When you say "thank you Jesus" you are saying, "God, you are good."

- **PRAISE** - When we praise we recognize the greatness of God.

Your praise is proportionate to the greatness of God.

- **WORSHIP** - When we worship we recognize His holiness.

We worship God for who He is.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4**

**QUESTIONS:** (The question's purpose is to help create an educated discussion where everyone can participate and learn from each other. They should not be given as a list of required questions nor to test people's knowledge.)

1. **Personally speaking, how are you currently abiding in the community of The Cloud Church?**
2. **What keeps us from abiding?**
3. **What are practical ways you can begin to abide this week?**

**Prayer:** Group prayer restating call to action.

**GIVING:** We want everyone to have the opportunity to give. All life group members and guests can give through Secure Give by going to [thecloudchurchoc.com](http://thecloudchurchoc.com) and selecting on the Give tab

**Important announcements:**

**Plan for next week's meeting:**