

Designed to THRIVE (Being Your Best in Christ)  
John 15:18-27 Abide and Thrive Together

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We must abide and thrive together because...

The world hated Jesus and hates our identification with Him. (18-20)

The world does not know God and is guilty of sin. (21-25)

We are Christ's witnesses to the world. (26-27)

### ***Discussion Starters:***

#### **KNOW:**

Above all we need to hear God's voice in our lives. One way this happens is in our small group. It is impossible to obey God's voice, if you cannot hear God's voice.

#### **BE:**

Acts 4:13 - *Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus.*

#### **DO:**

Obedience is difficult, and anyone who has been in a position to not obey God very long knows this. Obedience is hard work, but it is more than hard work; it is habitual work. It is worked out every day in the tasks we complete, the ways we approach our work, and the rhythms we nurture in our lives.

What did God speak to you in and through the message? What is God doing in your life? What are you doing about what God is doing? What can you change in your life over the next seven days to allow God's Spirit work this week in your daily life?

### **NEWS FOR THE WEEK:**

#### **Mens Ministry**

New to the groups offering this week is Mens Ministry. Men's Ministry will kick off September 20th and run through December 20th (with the exception of First Tuesday weeks and Thanksgiving). They will meet every Thursday 6:30 a.m. - 7:55 a.m. at church. Big group meeting in the sanctuary, and then small groups.

#### **Brave Basics I**

Next weekend after every service - should last about 20 minutes. There should be signs, but point them down the hall to 101 if they make it all the way to the info desk.

#### **Child Dedications**

September 1st & 2nd all three services. Anyone interested should contact Barb Oliver at [bolliiver@bravechurch.co](mailto:bolliiver@bravechurch.co),

#### **Prayer**

September 4th is Prayer Night. Additionally, September 4th - 6th the staff will be devoting 3 hours of prayer a day over the upcoming ministry year. They will be praying from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. each day. Let's challenge ourselves, and those that we talk to in the lobby, to actively be in prayer that God receive all the glory through the many ministries at BRAVE church.