

Hill Cliffe Study Guide Being a Disciple of Jesus #2 Being with Jesus Sunday 21 April 2024

1. What impacted you most from the Sermon on Sunday?

Please read John 14.12-27

2. Jesus prepares his disciples for his departure. They won't any longer be able to literally follow Him around and learn from Him as they did before. The way they related to Jesus was going to change. How could they fulfil their first commitment as disciples of Jesus, to 'Be with Him' when He wasn't going to be physically with them?

Please read John 15.1-10

3. What's the one big important thing to being fruitful as disciples of Jesus?

Please read Acts 2.42-47 & Ephesians 3.17-19

4. How did the early church practice 'remaining in the vine'? What lessons does this have for us?

In addition to these 'together' responses to 'remaining in the vine', Jesus often withdrew to lonely places, away from his disciples, to spend time alone with his father. Both expressions are important.

On Sunday, Stuart interviewed Amy and Steve to get a flavour of how different people practice 'Being with God' in the rhythm of their lives. Perhaps you could respond to the same questions:

- 5. What's your daily habit for spending time with God during the day?
- 6. How do you spend time with God with others during your week? And how important is that habit to you?
- 7. How have you cultivated the habit of being conscious of God's presence whilst at your work or when doing everyday tasks?
- 8. Do you have any habits of retreat or solitude or conferences or events that help you meet with God in a different way?
- 9. Do you have any special places in your home or a building or in nature where you seem to find it easier to meet with God?

The resources that Amy and Steve mentioned on Sunday are listed below for you to check out: Lectio for families: <u>https://lff.24-7prayer.com/share</u> Lectio 365: <u>https://lectio365.24-7prayer.com/share?locale=en</u> Daily Bible reading notes (free of charge) - Word Live (Scripture Union) <u>https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/resource/word-live</u> Prayer Mate App: <u>https://www.prayermate.net/app</u>