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Cultivate People Who Make Jesus Known: Meeting with God

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REVIEW IT

Read John 15:1-11.

THINK ABOUT IT

We exist to make Jesus known. And we do this by cultivating people who make Jesus known. However, if each of us is meant to be making Jesus known, this requires that we personally know Jesus. Knowing Jesus involves meeting with God on a regular basis in His Word and in conversation with Him (prayer). Jesus calls us to *abide in Him* and then boldly states, *apart from Him, we can do nothing*. Yet, if we abide in Christ, we will bear much fruit (both personal transformation and having a sense of purpose and mission for the lives around us).

TALK ABOUT IT

- 1) Who is someone you could talk to about how they meet with God?
- 2) On Sunday morning, we practiced the S.O.A.P. method. Have you ever been taught another method of meeting with God? If so, who taught you and how has it impacted you?
- 3) Why do you think many believers struggle meeting with God regularly? How can we guard against making this practice into an empty habit?
- 4) Oftentimes, when we meet with God, He asks us “inconvenient questions” that might force us to change a habit or pattern. When do you make time for God to ask you “inconvenient questions about your life?”
- 5) If you have had a regular time of meeting with God, what have been some highlights from that habit? What have been some things that God has taught you about Himself, about yourself, and about others?

LIVE IT

Practice meeting with God this week. Whether that is in the morning, evening, or during your lunch break at work, carve out a few minutes to pause and hear from God in His Word. Perhaps this is new for you; try out the S.O.A.P. method and see what God reveals to you through slowly reflecting on His Word. Then, share with one other person what God taught you in that experience.