

## CONNECT

- ⊙ What do you remember most from the sermon this weekend?
- ⊙ Which spiritual disciplines do you enjoy the most? Which spiritual disciplines do you feel you need to improve?
- ⊙ Describe a time when you have felt deep joy in the presence of Jesus?

## ENGAGE

### **Read John 15:1-11**

- ⊙ In what ways does this chapter describe the relationship between God and his humankind?
- ⊙ Jesus calls us to 'remain in Him'. How do we do this?
- ⊙ Conversely, how do we 'not remain in Him'?
- ⊙ Jesus tells us that if we remain in Him, we can ask for whatever we wish, and it will be done. How then can suffering be explained?
- ⊙ The Christian faith is a faith built on grace. Jesus tells us that 'if' we keep his commands, 'then' we will remain in his love. Where does keeping his commands fit in with a gospel of grace?
- ⊙ Jesus hopes that his disciples will be able to 'have his joy' and that our joy 'may be complete'. What do you think this means?

## APPLY

- ⊙ What would it look like for you to 'remain in Christ' this week? How might the next week look different if cling to him on another level this week? How might it influence the decisions you make, the way you spend your time, or the way you relate to others?
- ⊙ Who will you ask to keep you accountable this week in your walk with Christ?

## PRAY

*Read Psalm 51:10-12 and use it to guide your prayer. "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me."*