

Who is Jesus? The Gospel of John

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Jesus' 2021 Resolution for You – Part 2 (John 15:10-17)

Jesus moves in me...

- **To obey him (vv. 9-10, 14-15)**

- **To love others (vv. 12-13, 17)**

- **To reach the world (v. 16)**

For Further Thought and Discussion:**Getting Started:**

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?

Going Deeper:

2. Jesus says that if we keep his commandments, we will abide in his love (John 15:10). Jesus' love (or, our experience of it) is – in some sense – conditioned on our obedience (see also Jude 21). How does this square with John 15:9, and other passages which testify to the constancy and unconditional nature of God's love for us (e.g. Romans 8:1; 35-39; Ephesians 2:8-9)?
3. What is union with Christ? What images do the New Testament writers use to explain our union with him? What is communion with Christ? Why is our communion with Christ based on our union with him?
4. Jesus said that we abide in him as we obey (v. 10), and that obeying means we love one another (vv. 12, 17). How do our relationships with others impact our communion with Jesus (see Isaiah 58:1-14; Ephesians 4:26-27; 1 Peter 3:7)? How can broken relationships with others disrupt our relationship with God?
5. What kind of "fruit" does Jesus ultimately want to produce through us (v. 16)? How does this change the way we think about the role of mission in our relationship with Jesus?

Application:

6. Jeff provided three questions to ask when we feel distant or disconnected from Christ; (a) what sin am I refusing to acknowledge?, (b) who am I neglecting to love?, (c) who am I unwilling to reach? Which of these is most applicable to you right now? Why?
7. What's one thing you can do this week to apply this passage?