

**Title:** Unplugged  
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## Discussion questions

- What are you most excited for this holiday?
- What part of God's character or person do you most appreciate at this stage of your life?
- What has God been speaking to you about over the past month?

## Plugged in

### **John 15:1-5, 8**

<sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>"Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>"You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. <sup>5</sup>"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing... <sup>8</sup>By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

## Hindrances to abiding

### **1: Misunderstanding God's heart & character**

#### **Revelation 3:20**

<sup>20</sup>Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

### **2: Misunderstanding God's purpose**

#### **Ephesians 5:17**

<sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

### **3: Pride**

#### **1Corinthians 8:2**

<sup>2</sup>And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know.

### **4: Laziness**

#### **Proverbs 24:30-34**

<sup>30</sup>I went by the field of the lazy man, And by the vineyard of the man devoid of understanding; <sup>31</sup>And there it was, all overgrown with thorns; Its surface was covered with nettles; Its stone wall was broken down. <sup>32</sup>When I saw it, I considered it well; I looked on it and received instruction: <sup>33</sup>A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to rest; <sup>34</sup>So shall your poverty come like a prowler, And your need like an armed man.

### **Proverbs 8:17**

<sup>17</sup>I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently will find me.

### **Hebrews 11:6**

<sup>6</sup>But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

## **5: Tiredness**

### **Isaiah 40:31**

<sup>31</sup>But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

## **6: Shame**

### **Psalms 34:18**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.

### **Psalms 51:17**

<sup>17</sup>The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart – These, O God, You will not despise.

## **A humbling example**

### **Mark 1:35**

<sup>35</sup>Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.