

The Walk: Week 1

(Corresponding to message on Jan. 3, 2016)

Ice Breaker:

What is your New Years resolution?

Getting Started:

1. What were the three "W's" that each believer is encouraged to focus on at Rockpoint?
2. What were the key thoughts from the opening illustration on parenting? If you are a parent, can you relate? (Please explain).
3. Review the wheel. Why should Christ be at the center?

Digging Deeper:

1. Read John 15:1 – 17.
 - a. Who is the Vine? Who is the Vinedresser? Who are the branches?
 - b. How does it encourage you to know that God is in charge of your spiritual growth?
2. How does James 1:2 – 5 relate to John 15:2? (James was Jesus' half-brother)
3. What does it mean to abide or remain in Jesus? (see also John 15:10, 14)
4. Please explain what Jesus meant when He said, "apart from Me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)
5. Read Galatians 5:22-23; Colossians 1:28; Titus 2:11-14.
 - a. What kind of "fruit" do you think Jesus is speaking of?
6. Read James 1:22 – 27.
 - a. How does this help us understand what "abide" or "remain" in Jesus means?
7. How is the command to love (John 15:12, 17) one another and remain in Jesus (John 15:4, 5) connected? Why would Jesus do this?

Application:

1. What are some ways that you are "remaining in Jesus" by obeying Him? (Let's start with what we are doing right!)
2. List (and only share if comfortable) areas where you are not remaining in Jesus.
3. How have you seen God "prune" your life? What was the result?
4. How does remaining in Jesus help you avoid "legalism" as you walk with Jesus so that you can experience what Jesus said in John 15:11?