

Small-Group Discussion - Abide in Me...

1. Quickly skim the 5 quotes by Elder Bednar below.
2. Together with your group, decide which quote to read first.
3. Share thoughts and insights about that quote with the others in your group. What stands out for you from that quote or what important words do you notice?
4. Not all quotes or questions need to be discussed and no particular order is necessary.
5. Take turns selecting/choosing, speaking and discussing.

Quote A

We abide in Him by striving continually to strengthen our individual covenant bond with the Father and the Son. For example, praying sincerely to the Eternal Father in the name of His Beloved Son deepens and fortifies our covenant connection with Them.

Question A: Does prayer change things? Has a sincere, hearty prayer ever made a difference in your day or your outlook? Why is prayer important to you? How would you describe prayer to a friend using your own words?

Quote B

We abide in Him by truly feasting upon the words of Christ. The Savior's doctrine draws us, as children of the covenant, closer to Him and will tell us all things what we should do.

Question B: What does feasting upon the words of Christ mean to you? What is one of your favorite teachings from the Savior? How would you describe being "children of the covenant" in your own words?

Quote C

We abide in Him by preparing earnestly to participate in the ordinance of the sacrament, reviewing and reflecting on our covenant promises, and repenting sincerely. Worthily partaking of the sacrament is a witness to God that we are willing to take upon ourselves the name of Jesus Christ and strive to "always remember him" after the brief period of time required to participate in that sacred ordinance.

Question C: Elder Bednar makes the point to remember Jesus Christ after the "brief" Sacrament. What point do you think he is trying to make? The sacrament can be an invigorating experience that fills us with Spirit. What are some things we can do to make the sacrament meaningful for us?

Quote D

And we abide in Him by serving God as we serve His children and minister to our brothers and sisters.

Question D: How important is ministering? Do you have a treasured memory of being ministered to? What happened? How does ministering to others strengthen our lives and our sense of belonging? If we want to serve God, whom do we serve?

Quote E

The Savior said, "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

Question E: The Savior modeled a way to live - including His keeping of the commandments. Why is it important that we follow His example? What benefits come from commandments? How powerful is the Savior's love for us?