

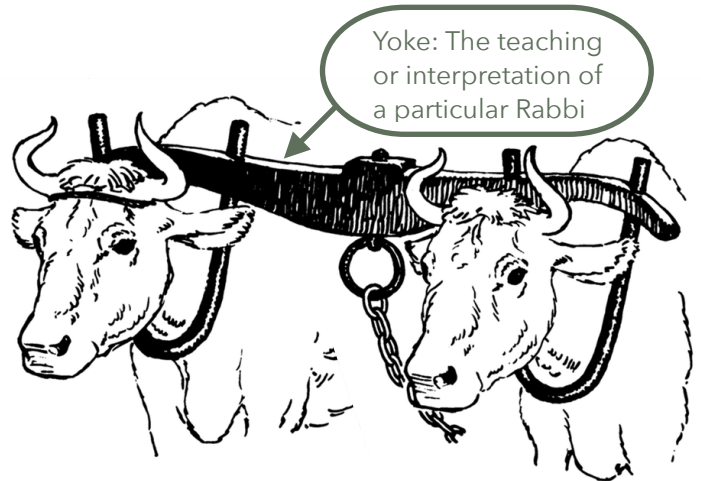
# Abide

Passages: John 15:1-17, Matthew 11:25-30, Matthew 18:1-4, Jeremiah 6:16, Matthew 23:1-4, 25-28, 1 John 2:1-6, Galatians 3:10-14, 1 Peter 2:22-25, and 1 Corinthians 5:21

- 1 We as humans often have a bent towards a performance model where we always think we need to do or achieve to receive a reward. How is abiding in Jesus a different model? Why do you think it's so much easier to "do" rather than be"?
- 2 In this weeks passage Jesus uses two different pictures to illustrate our relationship to Him. The first was that of a child. (Matthew 11:25-26, See also Matthew 18:1-4) What can we learn from how a small child interacts with their Father that might be helpful to us in how we should relate to God?

Matthew 11:28-30

*28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*



Jeremiah 6:16

*16 Thus says the LORD: "Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls."*

- 3 All who labor and are heavy laden refers to those oppressed by the burden of religious legalism imposed by the scribes and Pharisees. But the wider application is that Jesus provides “rest for your souls” (v. 29). That is, eternal rest for all who seek forgiveness of their sins and freedom from the crushing legalistic burden and guilt of trying to earn salvation by good works. In what way is Jesus’ yoke easy or good? How was it different from the yoke of the Scribes and Pharisees? (Also see [Matthew 23:1-4, 25-28](#) for some help)

1 John 2:1-6

*1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, 5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: 6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.*

- 4 If we are yoked to Jesus, how does that change the direction of our life? How should things look different if we are harnessed together with him? What would it look like to pull in the same direction as Jesus?

Have someone slowly read the following passages: Galatians 3:10-14, 1 Peter 2:22-25, and 1 Corinthians 5:21.

Then close out your time by listening to the song “All Sufficient Merit” by Shane and Shane. You can find the song by clicking on or scanning the QR code.

