

Faith 5

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A key point in today's reading came when new followers asked Jesus, "Where are you staying?" or "abiding"? In the reading, Jesus invited a number of disciples to follow and abide with him. The more time people spend together, the more they begin to emulate one another. By abiding with Jesus, the disciples were being invited to learn to emulate Jesus in a most intimate way. We too, can emulate Jesus in intimate ways when we abide with him.

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