When you abide in Christ you are known by...

Demonstrating <u>loyal</u> and <u>sacrificial</u> love towards one another. (12, 13, 17)

Deepening intimacy with Christ through obedience. (14-15)

Developing fruit because you are called and appointed by God. (16)

Discussion Starters:

Is there a time in your life that someone saw your love and asked you about your God? What does it look like in your life to love those who seeming do not appear that they deserve your love? At home? At work? In your neighborhood?

Jesus loved the unlovable, how do you act like Jesus in this way? How has God used challenging relationships in your life to grow you up in your love for God and for other people? Are you willing to write down this week times that God has loved you when you did not deserve it? How could you encourage one person this week to get into a BRAVE Group?

Is there anyone in your group that you have not loved well? Are you willing to ask them for forgiveness? (Now or later)

What did God speak to you through the message this weekend? What is God doing in your life? What actions can you take this week to allow God space to work in your life over the next seven days.

NEWS FOR THE WEEK:

Welcome Dillon and Libby [Our new middle school pastor and his wife] 9/22-23 Baptism classes 9/1-2 Child Dedication