

We are glad you chose to join us today to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We hope that your stay will be both meaningful and memorable.

We are a church that seeks to bring glory to God, to build the local church through discipleship and to fulfill the Great Commission.

Here are some activities going on with us!

Family Day 2026

We invite everyone to join our first Family Day on **August 21, 2026**. Everyone is encouraged to come and take part in this meaningful day of fun, connection, and community. More details will be announced soon.

Hermeneutics Class Session 2

Hermeneutics Session 2 resumes on **July 26, 2026** at 7PM.

IPLC 2026

The **International Pastors & Leaders Convention (IPLC 2026)** will be held on **July 28-30** at the Living Word Banawa. Registration is ongoing.



How can we **pray** for you?

Inviting you to join our **Prayer Meeting, Tuesdays at 7PM**. You may **send your prayer requests and praise reports** by text (0912 130 6148), by writing them on the prayer cards provided, or by sending us a private message on our Facebook page.

Ways to give tithes and love gifts.

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Discover life with our **Small Groups**.

Looking for **deeper connections** and a **closer walk with God**? Our small groups are where we cultivate meaningful relationships and grow in faith together. Want to join? Visit our Information Booth after the service to find the perfect group for you!



Stay for **fellowship and refreshments**.

Stick around after the service for **coffee and connection**! It's the perfect chance to meet some friendly faces, learn more about our small groups, our ministries, and discover all that our church has to offer. We'd love to see you there!



Free **Blood Pressure and Sugar Check-up**.

Encouraging those who wish to monitor their Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar levels to **avail of our free check-up**, happening **every after Sunday service**!

Welcome to Church!



LIVING WORD NRA

Worship God. Advance His Kingdom.

THE ABIDING LIFE

John 15:1-8, 16 | July 26, 2026 | Ptr. Ren Sabio (Guest Speaker)

Sermon Notes

1. Recognize the True Source of Life (Jn 15:1-3)

- Jesus is not one vine among many
- The Father is not a distant owner
- The Word cleanses the disciples

2. Remain in Christ Before Trying to Achieve for Christ (Jn 15:4-5)

- Abiding is a settled relationship
- Abiding is daily dependence
- Abiding is obedient love
- Apart from Christ, we can do nothing of eternal value

3. Receive the Father's Pruning Without Running Away (Jn 15:2, 6-7)

- Pruning is evidence of purpose, not abandonment
- Do not confuse pruning with condemnation
- The warning about withering is real
- The Word reshapes prayer

4. Reproduce Fruit That Glorifies God and Remains (Jn 15:8,16)

- Fruit reveals the life of the Vine
- Filipino strengths can become gospel fruit
- Much fruit glorifies the Father
- Chosen and appointed to go (v16)

Sunday Services

 **English** 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM

 **Cebuano** 4:00 PM

**2nd Floor,
Northgate Center.**

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Banilad, Cebu City.

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"THE ABIDING LIFE"

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of July 27-Aug 2, 2026

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

What is one brand, food item, or daily routine are you are fiercely loyal to, where you absolutely refuse any substitutes?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read John 15:1-8,16

1. In John 15:1-2, Jesus introduces himself as the true vine and calls the Father the vinedresser. What does the vinedresser do to a branch that bears no fruit, and what does he do to one that already bears fruit? Why do you think Jesus needed to clarify that he is the "true" vine and that the Father is actively involved rather than just a distant owner watching from far away?

2. Read John 15:4-5. Jesus says remaining in him comes before doing anything for him. What's the practical difference between being busy *for* Christ and actually abiding *in* Christ? Can you think of a season in your own life where you were doing a lot of "ministry" or "good things" but weren't actually close to him? What did that season feel like?

3. Open to Galatians 5:22-23 and compare that list of the fruit of the Spirit with what Jesus describes in John 15. Which of these — love, joy, patience, self-control, and the rest — feels like it's genuinely growing in you these days, and which one feels stunted or missing? What do you think is getting in the way of that one?

4. Read Colossians 3:16 alongside John 15:7, where Jesus ties abiding to his Word remaining in us. What would it look like, practically, for God's Word to genuinely "remain" in you through an ordinary day, not just during devotions, but at work, at home, in traffic? Which practice will help Christ's Word remain in you this week? Be specific about time, place, and plan.

5. Read John 15:16. What does it mean that Jesus chose and appointed his disciples to "go and bear fruit"? How does this verse move fruitfulness from personal spiritual growth toward loving, serving, evangelizing, and discipling others? Who is one person you could welcome, encourage, share Christ with, or help grow in faith during the next month? What simple first step can you take toward that person this week?

6. Filipino culture carries real strengths (e.g. close family ties, bayanihan, hospitality to guests, respect for elders, resilience, etc.) Which of these do you think God can genuinely use as gospel fruit through *you*? On the other hand, are there cultural patterns, like avoiding conflict out of shame, or "utang na loob" turning into quiet resentment, that might actually need the Father's pruning in your life?

NEXT STEPS

Remain in the Vine, and the fruit will take care of itself.

- **Remain Daily.** I will give Jesus the first part of my day through Scripture, prayer, and quiet dependence.
- **Receive Humbly.** I will welcome the Father's pruning by responding with repentance, trust, and obedience instead of resistance.
- **Reflect Christ.** I will allow the life of Jesus to produce visible fruit in my attitudes, relationships, words, and choices.
- **Reproduce Faithfully.** I will intentionally encourage, welcome, serve or disciple one person God has placed in my life.

CLOSING THE SESSION

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for grace to remain in Christ, receive the Father's pruning with trust, and bear lasting fruit that glorifies God.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

BIBLE READING GUIDE

July 27 **John 15:1-8**
July 28 **Psalms 119:9-16**
July 29 **Philippians 1:9-11**
July 30 **Psalms 80:8-15**

July 31 **2 Timothy 2:1-7**
August 1 **Psalms 107:10-16**
August 2 **Psalms 107:17-22**