



Devotional and Discussion Guide - John 15:1-17

This resource can be used to guide your personal anchoring time throughout the week, a small group discussion, or even a one-on-one conversation.

READ

Begin by reading John 15:1-17.

- As you read, note all of the ways Jesus models what a healthy inner circle friendship looks like.
- In what ways is Jesus' friendship unique and special?
- What questions do you have after reading these verses?

REFLECT

JESUS IS THE VINE: *Reread John 15:1-13.* As we read these verses we see Jesus comparing himself to being a vine and us being branches. He desires for our lives to bear good fruit that point people to God.

- What does it mean that Jesus is the vine and we are the branches?
- How does Jesus spiritually prune our hearts?
- How does a friendship with Jesus produce fruit?

JESUS' EXAMPLE OF FRIENDSHIP: *Reread John 15:14-17.* As we read these verses, we can see how Jesus' friendship is sacrificial, intimate, proactive, and generous.

- How does Jesus demonstrate these four attributes to us today? How can we reciprocate this love in our friendship with Jesus?
- Jesus instructs us to do the same and love each other. What can we do to cultivate inner-circle friendships that are sacrificial, intimate, proactive, and generous?

PRAY

Begin your time of prayer by reading **Ephesians 2:4-5**. Read it slowly. Now, use these verses to guide your prayer. To get you started...

FOCUS on God's great love for you. A love that is proactive and compassionate.

THANK God for sending the Spirit to be with us.

CONFESS areas in your life and relationship with him where we have fallen short.

ASK God to fill you with his spirit and to help you experience his love this week.

***Keep going this week by reading these scriptures:**

Psalm 86:11-13
Romans 8:37-39
1 John 4:9-11
Psalm 136

