



## 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

