

For the Week of February 19, 2023 John 15:1-17

Reading the Text:

- 1. On this night of Jesus' betrayal, Jesus gives the disciples two commands. What are they and how would you explain what they mean?
- 2. What is the "fruit" that Jesus (and the Gardener) requires branches to produce? How might v. 16 help us understand what the "fruit" is?
- 3. What is it about experiencing and expressing Jesus' love that is so joy-inducing?
- 4. As Jesus describes it, what is the difference between servants and friends? What evidence does Jesus give the disciples that He considers them friends?
- 5. What does Jesus command His disciples (friends) to do with the love and friendship they have received from Him?

Living It Out:

- 1. How do we nurture the relationships that are important to us? What do we do? How do we maintain a level of connection beyond our everyday acquaintances?
- 2. What would it look like for you to have more of an 'abiding' relationship with Jesus? What would be the costs and the benefits?
- 3. Looking back at our 'Sharing the Joy' initiative, we interact with people every day who need the life and vitality that comes from being connected to Jesus. How does love fit into our 'Pray/Watch' commitment?

