

Many Rooms

The 'Way of Life' Series

Connecting with others around the presence of Jesus, & growing spiritually
by understanding and applying God's Word, together.

Week 9: John 15:9-17

PREPARE and PRAY

Breathe deeply, settle in, and prepare to meet with God. Then **invite God to speak** to you through His Word.

READ and LISTEN

Slowly read this week's Scripture several times. As you read, **listen to the Holy Spirit** with your heart and mind.

SUMMARIZE and REFLECT

On this page or in a journal, **summarize the core teaching** of these verses. **Ask God for insight** as you reflect on and answer the following questions.

1. What is one thing Jesus's words and/or actions reveal about God?
2. In your own words, what does Jesus say about who a disciple is and what disciples do?

DIG and DISCOVER

Take a closer look at God's truth. Let these questions and insights **deepen your understanding** as you prepare to apply God's word.

"Only one life, 'twill soon be past; Only what is done for Christ will last..." Only One Life by missionary, C.T. Studd

1. Sometimes what Jesus says is so intense, it takes a few 'go's' to go at it and process it. Read 1-17 again, and take note of every time Jesus says something must be 'in us.' Make a list of all the things Jesus says must be 'in us.' Then, discuss how all those things are related.
2. The love that Christ has for us is demonstrated by His ultimate sacrifice. He calls all his disciples to follow his lead, laying our lives down for each other.
 - What have you done with these truths?
 - How has God called you to lay down your life for others? (v12-13, 17)
3. Why is it so important to love others? Especially other believers?
4. How do you love someone if you don't *feel* any love or affection for them (and can't seem to "work it up")?
5. What is the difference (to you) in being called 'Jesus's servant,' vs 'His friend?' Are you devoted to Christ or a slave to your misguided will?
6. In vs 14-16, Jesus goes on to say the disciples were His *chosen friends*.
 - Why is this significant? What is the proof that we are Christ's friends, according to verse 14?
 - How does living as His friends shape our spiritual formation and relationships with each other?
 - How does this divine friendship help you lead and manage yourself, family, and church?
7. In verse 11, Jesus says that He has told us these things so that our joy will be full.
 - Do you really think 'we' His 'church' ought to be filled with joy? Explain.
 - What could stop us from being filled with joy? What are some intentional ways we could be filled with joy?
 - How does joy impact your ministry and church? How does this help you trust and obey Christ and remain fruitful?
8. Do you think it is possible for someone to fulfill Christ's commands in this passage apart from God's power? Why or why not?

RESPOND and COMMIT

Ask God how he wants you to **respond to His Word** today and this week. **Commit to one step** of action and **share it** with someone you know.