

## Discussion Questions for Personal Growth

Read John 15:1-17

1. Read 15:1-2. What kinds of things does God prune from our lives?
2. Read 15:4-5. What does it mean for a grape branch to abide in a vine? What does it mean for us to abide in Jesus?
3. Read 15:6. How was Judas like a dead grape branch? Have you ever known someone like this?
4. Read 15:7-8, 16. What kinds of prayers is God happy to answer? Does he always answer these right away?
5. Read 15:9. Stare at the words "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you." The same unimaginable love that the Father has for Jesus, Jesus has for you. How does that make you feel?
6. Read 15:10, 14. Why is obedience to Christ so key to our relationship with him?
7. Read 15:11. What stands out to you about "joy" in this verse?
8. Read 15:15. How does that impact you, knowing that Christ calls us friends? As his friends, how does he want us to respond?
9. Pray – Spend time as a group praying the fruit of the Spirit for each other. Galatians 5:22-23 "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."



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## Welcome!

We are so honored that you have joined with us in worship this morning. Please complete a Connection Card and bring it after services to the Guest Welcome Center in the lobby for your special gift. We would love to meet you!

## Staying Connected

**VBS Volunteers** - With just 6 weeks to go, we are looking for 6 more teachers, 21 class helpers, 5 worship leaders, and several crafts and recreation helpers. Don't wait! Register today in the courtyard or online.

**VBS All Volunteer Meeting** - This training meeting for all volunteers is Saturday, June 24, from 10:30AM - 12 noon. Lunch is provided. Classrooms are open for decorating, 9AM-4PM.

**Summer Teams Commissioning** is coming on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars and join us as we pray for our 41 short-term missionaries!

Please join us in "30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World." Ramadan, which begins on May 27<sup>th</sup>, is a time when Muslims around the world focus on prayer, fasting, giving to charity, and religious devotion. There are booklets available at the Information Desk to help guide your prayer time and learn about what Muslims believe. There are even some kid-friendly versions this year!

**Family Business Meeting** - Mark your calendars for June 4 at 6PM in the Activities Center to meet as a family and discuss church business.

**Baptism** - If you're ready to take the next step in your faith by being baptized, contact a pastor in the church office. Our next baptism is June 18.

**Club Remedy** - Our Junior High school VBS, which is called Club Remedy, is a fun-filled week of developing new friendships and building unity in JH here at LBC during the same time as VBS. This is for students going into 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades. JH Club Remedy is \$15 per student, which will include a shirt. Sign up in the Kids at the Glen lobby or online.

## Sermon Notes

### BEHOLD: The Lamb of God

Friends of Christ

John 15:1-17 (page 901)

Pastor Andy Middlekauff

Why develop a close friendship with Jesus? (9 reasons)

1. Because Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ source of life.
2. Because our \_\_\_\_\_ makes our lives fruitful.
3. Because only Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ our sins.
4. Because only Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us to bear the fruit of the Spirit.
5. Because \_\_\_\_\_ from Jesus means death and hell.
6. Because it results in answered \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Because Jesus' love is the \_\_\_\_\_ love you'll ever experience.
8. Because it results in the greatest \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Because Jesus calls us his \_\_\_\_\_.

How can we develop a close friendship with Jesus?

1. Put \_\_\_\_\_ and effort into the relationship.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ's authority.

Ask yourself:

1. What's keeping me from getting closer in my relationship with Jesus?
2. What's one step I can take to strengthen my relationship with Jesus?