

See Yourself through His Eyes

Session 5: You are God's Friend

Chosen to Love

Day 1

Read John 15:12-17

In your opinion, what are the characteristics of a good friend?

Who are the people in your life who qualify as good friends?

Have you ever been betrayed by a friend? Describe that experience.

Read 1 Samuel 18:1-4 and 19:1-7

What characteristics of true friendship do you find in these passages? List them below.

Do the friendships in your life reflect that of David and Jonathan?

What do you think are the reasons why true friendship is so hard to find? What keeps you from experiencing it?

Take some time and journal about your friendships. What longings do you have for friendship? What is missing from your friendships? What baggage are you holding onto from previous friendships? What expectations do you place on your friends?

Day 2

Read John 15:12-17 again

What does it mean to be chosen by God?

What does this mean for you personally?

Read Romans 5:6-11

Write down some words or phrases that stand out to you in this passage.

Why is it important that we realize we were enemies with God before He chose us as His friends?

Take some time and journal about your friendship with God. When is the last time you rejoiced because of your friendship? How is your communication with God as your friend right now? Write out a prayer to Him and re-connect with Him today.

Day 3

Read about Abraham and Moses and their friendship with God.

James 2:23 and Isaiah 41:8

Exodus 33:7-11

What set God's relationship with these men apart from everyone else?

How much time do you spend with God? What keeps you from getting together with Him on a regular basis?

How well do you recognize God's voice? What does it sound like?

Look up these verses and listen to what He is saying to you today.

Isaiah 43:1-2

Isaiah 44:21-22

Jeremiah 3:12-13

Jeremiah 15:18-20

Jeremiah 31:3-4

Lamentations 3:55-57

Are you listening to any voices of condemnation, shame, doubt, fear, hopelessness, or insecurity right now?

Read Genesis 22

What allowed Abraham to trust God enough to obey such a difficult command?

Do you trust God's sovereignty in the trials that you are going through right now?

Day 4

Read John 15:12-17 again

Why does Jesus call us His friends in between His command to love others?

If we are to love others in the same way that Jesus loves us, it's important to know what this means. How has Jesus loved you?

Romans 8:2-3 says

But while knowledge makes us feel important, it is love that strengthens the church. Anyone who claims to know all the answers doesn't really know much. But the person who loves God is the one whom God recognizes.

What does loving God look like?

Do you value knowledge more than love?

How can love strengthen our church today?

Read Matthew 25:34-45

Take some time to journal about these verses and how your life reflects them. You are God's friend, but is He yours? Does your life show it? Ask God to show you what He desires for you and your family based on this passage.