

Community Group Questions - John 15:9-16

1. Read John 15:9-17. What privileges are given by Jesus in these verses to his disciples? Which ones would others say you frequently speak about? rarely speak about? Maybe spend the most time as a group contemplating a privilege that you have thought less about.
2. Jesus' love for his disciples originates from the love that his Father has for him and has been shown to the disciples. (15:9-10) In our own affections, we love many things in different amounts. How is Jesus love different from our love? What are ways that we can help one another discern and prioritize which things we love most?
3. How might you help someone understand Jesus' love? for enemies? for the self-righteous?
4. How does Jesus demonstrate his friendship with us? us with him?
5. Do you think of yourself mainly as convinced/recruited by Jesus? or Chosen by his design? How does each of these affect the way that you would view your purpose and prayer life (v16)?
6. What do you do to structure your prayer/evangelism time in life if you've been appointed to bear fruit?

A Song to Sing Together:

1 The church's one Foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is His new creation,
by water and the Word;
from heav'n He came and sought her
to be His holy bride;
with His own blood He bought her,
and for her life He died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy Name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.

3 Tho' with a scornful wonder,
men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4 The church shall never perish!
Her dear Lord, to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish,
is with her to the end;
tho' there be those that hate her
and false sons in her pale,
against the foe or traitor
she ever shall prevail.

5 'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

6 Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with Thee.