

Questions to Consider--With the Master in the Upper Room—Lesson 14—John 15:12-17—What a Friend we Have in Jesus!

- 1) (a) Read John 15 and list all the commandments you find. (b) How are you obeying these commandments? (c) Read John 15:12-17. Why does Christ repeat verse 12 in verse 17?

- 2) Memorize John 15:13, 14.

- 3) Read Matthew 22:34-40. (a) What is the greatest commandment? (b) What is the second greatest? (c) What did Jesus mean by “On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets”? (d) How does the Matthew passage relate to what Jesus says in John 15:12-14?

- 4) John 15:14 says, “You are my friends, if you do whatever I command you.” (a) Who is called the friend of God in 2 Chronicles 20:7, Isaiah 41:8, and James 2:23? (b) Why was Abraham called the “friend of God,” according to James 2:21-24? (c) Read Genesis 18:16-33 and Genesis 22, and list other reasons that would cause God to call Abraham His friend. (d) How do these relate to the qualities that Jesus lists for His friends in John 15:12-17?

- 5) (a) What were the reasons Christ chose the disciples, according to John 15:16? (b) When did Christ choose all who would be His disciples according to Ephesians 1:4? (c) Why did He choose us, according to Deuteronomy 7:7, 8 and 1 John 4:10? (d) Did we have anything to do with choosing God? Prove your answer from the Word of God.

- 6) (a) Do you think you would lay down your life for your friends? (b) What qualities in your friends would inspire or motivate you to die for them? (c) Christ laid down His life for you, His friend. What qualities are present in you that would cause Him to die for you?

- 7) How do you know you are a friend of Jesus, according to John 15:12-17?

- 8) Write a prayer request after prayerfully considering the following questions: Are you loving others as Christ loved you? Are you obeying God? Are you bringing forth fruit? Are you experiencing answered prayer