



Small Group Study Guide for May 9, 2021

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School

Theme: Jesus called His disciples ‘friends’ because He has made known to us everything that the Father gave Him to reveal. Jesus loves us and wants to be personally connected to us as friends, someone that we can talk to, pray to, count on, and trust above all others. What a friend we have in Jesus!

Getting Started: (sharing with each other)

1. Who was one of your closest friends growing up, and what made them such a great friend?
2. “What a friend we have in Jesus! All our sins and griefs to bear. What a privilege to carry, everything to Him in prayer.” What have you been praying about, and talking with Jesus about lately?

In the Word: Read John 15:9-17

3. This is a continuation of the previous Gospel reading from John 15:1-8. What are the connections between 1-8 and 9-17? Look for common themes or common words and make connections between these two passages. Share what you find.
4. What is the relationship between love and holding onto Jesus’ commands (note his command in vs 12)?
5. What is so significant about what Jesus says in John 15:13?
6. Many people assume we simply ‘choose’ our religion, or need to ‘make a decision’ for Jesus. How does what Jesus says in 15:16 really challenge this? Compare it to **Ephesians 1:3-6** and **1 Thessalonians 1:4-5**.
7. How did Jesus demonstrate what He meant by “love one another” earlier in **John 13:1** ff?

