



What kind of relationship does Jesus offer us? Because He's God, we worship Him ... Because He's a great leader, we serve Him ... Because He's a teacher, a rabbi, we learn from Him, we imitate Him ... We study His life and His words; we receive our instruction, our encouragement, and we become better people because of it ... Is that as personal as it gets with Jesus?

- Open with prayer.
- If your groups is new, give everyone time to introduce themselves.

## CONVERSATION STARTERS

- What's one thing you're looking forward to in the future?
- Share something new or a highlight from this past week.

## REVIEW

- Open your Bibles and read from **John 15:15-17**.
- Share your favourite points from the weekend sermon. What spoke to you?
- Share a phrase or moment that you related to the most, or a question you may have from the weekend.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- What are the factors that make true friendship difficult in today's world?
- Jesus said to his disciples, "I no longer call you servants...Instead, I have called you friends." How do you think the disciples reacted when they heard that?
- Do you feel more like Jesus' servant or his friend?
- How does it make you feel to know Jesus calls you a friend?
- What can you do to help develop your friendship with Jesus?
- What does it mean to bear fruit that will last?
- How does the love of God motivate you to bear fruit that will last?
- How do these verses apply to your life? What will you do about it?

## **PRAISE & PRAYER POINTS**

Share what God is doing in your life and spend some time praying for each other's prayer requests.