

## LESSON 16: FRIENDS OF JESUS | YEXUS COV PHOOJYWG

John 15:16–27

**BIG IDEA:** When \_\_\_\_\_ (*Jesus*) calls us His friends, He calls us to love as He loves, obey His commands, bear lasting fruit, and faithfully represent Him to the world.

### POINT 1: CHOSEN TO BEAR FRUIT | *Xaiv Kom Txi Txiv* - v.16

#### A. Jesus Chose Us

- Jesus reminds His disciples that their relationship with Him began when He says, "I \_\_\_\_\_ (*choose*) **you**."
- We do not follow Jesus because we are qualified. We follow Him because He has graciously called us.

#### B. \_\_\_\_\_ (*Jesus*) **Wants Us to Produce Fruit**

- Jesus does not just want His disciples to claim friendship with Him. He wants their relationship to produce lasting spiritual fruit.

**Memorable Statement:** \_\_\_\_\_ (*Jesus*) chose us not just to belong to Him, but to bear fruit for Him.

### POINT 2: COMMANDED TO LOVE | *Samfwm Kom Hlub* - v.17

#### A. \_\_\_\_\_ (*Love*) **Is a Command, Not Just an Emotion**

Jesus does not say, "Love one another when you feel like it."

**He says, "I command you."**

- The standard for Christian love is not just how others treat us. The standard is how Jesus has loved us.

#### B. \_\_\_\_\_ (*Love*) **Like Christ**

- Because He calls us to love.
- Loving like Christ means responding in ways shaped by truth, grace, forgiveness, and genuine concern for others.

**Memorable Statement:** Love is not simply what we say about Jesus; it is what others experience through us.

## POINT 3: COURAGEOUS IN OPPOSITION | *Sawv Khov Kho Thaum*

*Ntsib Kev Tawm Tsam* v.18-25

### A. The World May Reject Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ (*Friends*)

- It does not mean that every unbeliever hates Christians or that believers should withdraw from society.
- Rather, Jesus warns that a world resistant to God's authority may oppose those who follow Him.

### B. We \_\_\_\_\_ (*Belong*) **to Christ**

- It means our identity, values, and ultimate allegiance now belong to Christ.

**Memorable Statement:** The world may reject our \_\_\_\_\_, (*Faith*) but it should still be able to recognize Christ's love in us.

### POINT 4: CALLED TO TESTIFY | *Hu Los Ua Timkhawv* - v26–27

#### A. The Holy Spirit Testifies About \_\_\_\_\_ (*Jesus*)

**Greek Word: Paraklētos – Helper, Advocate, Counselor**

- The word refers to someone called alongside another to help, support, or advocate.
- The Holy Spirit does not draw attention away from Christ. He reveals and glorifies Christ (John 16:14).

#### B. The Disciples Are Also Witnesses

**Greek Word: Martyreō – To Bear Witness or Testify**

- Their testimony would become foundational to the church's proclamation of the Gospel.
- Believers today do not share that same eyewitness status, but we are called to proclaim the apostolic Gospel and \_\_\_\_\_ (*testify*) to Christ's work in our lives.

**Memorable Statement:** We are not called to be the Savior; we are called to point people to the \_\_\_\_\_. (*Savior*)

**A FRIEND OF JESUS DOES NOT JUST KNOW HIS \_\_\_\_\_ (*love*)**

**A FRIEND OF \_\_\_\_\_ (*Jesus*) SHOWS HIS LOVE.**