

# Small Group Guide: The King Prepares His Witnesses

Easter Box Journey - Day 2 | John 13-17

## Opening Prayer

Begin your group time by asking God to help you understand what it means to be prepared to bear fruit that reflects His words and works.

## Key Scripture References

- John 13-17 (The Upper Room Discourse)
- Isaiah 52:7 ("How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news")

## Key Takeaways

1. **Jesus prepares His followers intentionally** - The foot washing wasn't just about humility; it was about commissioning the disciples for their mission.
2. **We are connected to Jesus as branches to a vine** - The disciples' fruitfulness depended entirely on their attachment to Christ.
3. **The Holy Spirit enables accurate witness** - The disciples weren't left alone to remember or testify; the Spirit helps them recall and share Jesus' truth.
4. **Joy comes from faithful testimony** - Just as Jesus found joy in delivering the Father's message, the disciples found joy when others believed through their witness.

## Discussion Questions

### Understanding the Text

1. Why do you think Jesus chose the act of washing feet to prepare His disciples for ministry? What does this teach us about the nature of Christian service?
2. The video mentions that Jesus was preparing the disciples to be witnesses with "great accuracy." Why was accuracy so important for their testimony?

3. Read John 15:1-8 together. What does it mean practically that God the Father is the gardener, Jesus is the vine, and the disciples are the branches?

### **Application and Action**

4. What "pruning" might God be doing in your life right now to help you bear more fruit? How can we support each other through seasons of pruning?
5. The disciples had "beautiful feet" because they carried good news. Talk about where your feet are; that is your ministry.

### **Prayer Focus**

Close your time by praying for:

- **Connection:** That each person would remain firmly attached to Jesus
- **Preparation:** That God would prepare us as faithful witnesses
- **Boldness:** That the Holy Spirit would give us courage to share Jesus' words
- **Fruitfulness:** That our lives would bear fruit that reflects Jesus
- **Joy:** That we would experience the fullness of joy that comes from faithful witness