

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Part 4 of Abide

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1. The Price of Friendship (John 15:13; John 10:18)

Discuss:

- *How does the idea of sacrifice define true friendship in a way the world may not?*
- *In what ways can we “lay down our lives” for others without physically dying for them?*
- *Who has God placed in your life that may need you to make a costly sacrifice for their good?*

2. The Proof of Friendship (John 15:14)

Discuss:

- *Why do you think obedience is the mark of true friendship with Jesus?*
- *What commands of Jesus do you find easiest to obey? Which ones are the hardest?*
- *In what ways does obedience show love more than words can?*

3. The Privilege of Friendship (John 15:15)

Discuss:

- *What differences stand out between being a servant and being a friend of Jesus?*
- *In what ways do we sometimes live more like servants than friends in our relationship with God?*
- *What impact does this truth have on the way we talk to God in prayer?*

4. The Purpose of Friendship (John 15:16a)

Discuss:

- *Why is it significant that Jesus chose us before we ever chose Him?*
- *What kind of fruit do you see God producing in your life right now?*
- *How does abiding in Jesus help ensure that our fruit will last?*



5. The Priority of Friendship (*John 15:16b–17; Matthew 15:24–28*)

Discuss:

- *How does prayer reflect the closeness and trust found in true friendship with Jesus?*
- *What does it mean to pray “in Jesus’ name” beyond just saying the words at the end of a prayer?*
- *What steps can we take this week to prioritize both prayer and love in our friendships with God and others?*