

Deeply Rooted Week 6: Be a Friend

Scripture: [John 15: 9-17](#)

Video Lesson:

<https://vimeo.com/624967692>

Our Prayer:

Gracious Lord, just as you called your disciples friends, we pray that we may have a depth of intimacy and relationship with you to be called the same. Amen.

Memorable Quotes:

“There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship.”

—Thomas Aquinas, *On Kingship to the King of Cyprus*

“It seems to me that trying to live without friends is like milking a bear to get cream for your morning coffee. It is a whole lot of trouble, and then not worth much after you get it.” —Zora Neale Hurston, *Dust Tracks on a Road: An Autobiography*

Questions for Reflection:

- What is one word or phrase that stood out to you from today’s scripture passage?
- How is a friend different from a disciple or a student?
- Why do you think it was important to Jesus to say to his disciples that they were his friends?
- What is the difference between an acquaintance and someone you can talk to about deep issues?
- Do you talk to Jesus as if he is a deeply close friend?

Practices to Adopt:

- Read the remainder of Jesus’ words to his disciples at the Last Supper: [John 13 to 16](#)
- Pray this week’s prayer (above)
- Get to know someone more deeply from your neighborhood, your workplace, or school
- Reflect on meaningful relationships you have had that slipped away because of time or distance; consider reaching out to and reconnecting with one of those friends

Resources to Go Deeper:

Brandon Vogt and Fr. Blake Britton, Burrowshire Podcast ([True Friendship](#))

Gail R. O’Day, “[I Have Called You Friends](#)”

[The Company We Keep: In Search of Biblical Friendship](#), by Jonathan Holmes

[How to Be a Friend to a Friend Who’s Sick](#), by Letty Cottin Pogrebin

[Friendship for Grown-ups: What I Missed and Learned Along the Way](#), by Lisa Whelchel