

NIV MEMORY VERSE: John 15:12,13**GOSPEL AND LETTERS OF JOHN 15-1**

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

"NO GREATER LOVE THAN THIS"
READ John 15:1 - 16:4

1. What was significant to you from last week's lesson?

DAY 1 – READ John 15:1-11

2. a. How was the nation of Israel pictured from these Old Testament Scriptures?

Isaiah 5:7

Jeremiah 2:21

Hosea 10:1

- b. What do you think Jesus meant by His declaration, "I am the true vine"?

3. This lesson includes the last "I AM" saying of Jesus in John's gospel. Review them from these John Scriptures:

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| a. 6:35 | I AM | _____ |
| b. 9:5 | I AM | _____ |
| c. 10:7 | I AM | _____ |
| d. 10:11 | I AM | _____ |
| e. 11:25 | I AM | _____ |
| f. 14:6 | I AM | _____ |
| g. 15:1 | I AM | _____ |

4. a. Who did Jesus say gets pruned?

- b. What are some ways Jesus does this?

5. What did Jesus teach about the branches in verses 4-6?

6. What are the blessings of abiding/remaining in Jesus?

- a. John 15:5

- b. John 15:7

- c. John 15:8

- d. John 15:11

GOSPEL AND LETTERS OF JOHN 15-2

DAY 2 – READ John 15:12-17

7. a. Jesus spoke of having greater love. To what was He referring?

b. Sacrificial love can take many forms. Name a few.
8. What reason did Jesus give for calling them friends and not slaves?
9. Why were the disciples chosen and what results were expected?
10. How would the church benefit if you fully obeyed Jesus' command in verse 17?

DAY 3 – READ John 15:18-21

11. From this day's Scripture give as many reasons as you can find why the world hates the followers of Jesus.
12. How can a disciple know the joy in John 15:11 if the world hates and persecutes him? Consider Romans 8:18.
13. Remember 1 Peter 3:15. In witnessing you face the objection, "I'm afraid of what my friends will say." What is your response?

DAY 4 – READ John 15:22-27

14. a. Jesus had demonstrated His love in the words He spoke and the deeds He did, yet He was hated. What had been written in the Jewish Law (Psalm 35:19; 69:4)?

b. What else do we know about God's enemies from Ephesians 6:12?

GOSPEL AND LETTERS OF JOHN 15-3

DAY 4 (Continued) – READ John 15:22-27

15. a. What would the coming Spirit of Truth do?
- b. What was the disciples' responsibility?
- c. How has answered a "witnessing" question in each lesson helped you be a better witness for Jesus?

DAY 5 – READ John 16:1-4

16. Why did Jesus tell His disciples these things?
17. a. What two specific forms of persecution did Jesus tell the disciples that they would have to endure?
- b. What early evidence of this persecution do we see in Acts 7:57-60?
18. What would these actions toward the disciples reveal about the people who do them?
19. Jesus said, "You will remember I warned you." If forewarned is forearmed, what armor of God should we use according to Ephesians 6:10-18?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: