



CONNECT BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING

- Tell us about a close friendship you've had!
- Have you ever been part of a community that felt like a family? What was that like?
- Discipleship check-in

INTRODUCTION

This week, we'll be studying part of Jesus' final address to his disciples before his crucifixion. We're at the center of the gospel here, at the center of Jesus' desires for us. What Jesus wants for us is exactly the same as what he wanted for his first disciples: *that we would abide in him so that our joy might be full.*

READ & DISCUSS

READ: John 15:1-11

DISCUSS: Why do you think Jesus uses the image of a vine and fruit here? Are there other places in Scripture where images like that are used?

DISCUSS: "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you." What does that mean? Do you believe it?

DISCUSS: "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." Do Jesus' commands here seem likely to lead to joy to you? Why or why not?

REFLECT & APPLY

DISCUSS: What would it look like to abide more deeply in Jesus for each of you? Where do you most want his joy to fill your life?

PRAY

Thank God for sending his Son to make a way for us to be one with Him. Ask God to fill you—individually and as a group—with His Spirit, so that you can abide in him fully, and so that your joy may be full!

Discipleship Check-In

- Have you prayed and read your Bible consistently the past week?
- Who is someone you're praying to share Jesus with this week, and what's one way you can love them well?