



The Good and Beautiful Vision

Week Two

CONNECT *BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING*

- When was the last time you made a new friend? What did you connect over?
- How have your friends changed your life?

TRUTH *UNDERSTAND AND DISCUSS THE SCRIPTURE'S MEANING*

This is the second week in our new series called *The Good and Beautiful Vision*, where we're trying to see ourselves and our destiny the way God does.

And that vision isn't just for us on our own; it's for our relationships and our communities. It reshapes the way we see one another. It reshapes our friendships.

FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD...

READ: John 15:14-16

DISCUSS: What kind of relationship does Jesus want with us? How does he see us in relationship to himself?

Jesus' vision for us is that we would be friends with God, that we'd be able to ask God for anything, like we would a friend. Is that how you see your relationship with God?

...AND WITH EACH OTHER

READ: John 15:17

DISCUSS: What is God's vision for our relationships with other Christians?

Friendship is at the heart of what it means to be a Christian. Our love for one another is the main way the world knows we belong to Jesus, and is the means by which God blesses us and brings us joy. Does your experience of friendship line up with that vision?

GRACE *SEE HOW THE PASSAGE CONNECTS TO JESUS*

Read John 15:16, slowly.

What does this passage tell you about Jesus? What has he done for us? How does he feel toward us? What does he want for us?

CHANGE *APPLY THE PASSAGE TO OUR THOUGHTS, FEELINGS, AND ACTIONS*

- What is getting in the way of you having great and godly friendships? What are you going to do about it?
- Is there a way you can love someone this week and be a friend to them?

PRAYER *RESPOND TO THE PASSAGE IN PRAYER*

- Thank God for drawing you into friendship with Himself.
- Pray for God's guidance as you try to love His people and make friendships that honor Him.