



**Week of February 8**  
**Gospel of John: Making Room | John 15:13**  
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*This weekly tool is designed to help you process and apply God's truth with other brothers and sisters who want to grow in Christ. You might use this in your Life Group, one-on-one over coffee, around the family dinner table, or in a casual small group of friends. The aim is to take God's Word from Sunday morning and bring it into the corners of our lives throughout the week, so that together we might be transformed into people who treasure God and love others.*

## **beyondsunday** Reflection & Discussion

### **Getting Started**

1. While listening to the sermon, were you challenged in any way to think differently? If so, how?

### **Receive the Word**

2. Read [John 15:1-17](#).
  - a. In one or two sentences, describe the big idea of what Jesus is communicating in these verses.
  - b. What do verses 9-12 communicate about joy and obedience?
  - c. What does it *mean* and *look like* to love as Jesus has loved you?

### **Make the Connection**

3. Communion fellowship is friendship love. Friendship love among brothers & sisters in Christ is affectionate, relational, loyal, committed, & self-sacrificing.
  - a. How have you received this kind of love from someone?
  - b. What does friendship love look like in our Life Group/Church Family?
4. Communion fellowship is others-focused.
  - a. Go around the group and ask each person to share about how they would evaluate one of the following questions in their life:

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- Is being friends with me encouraging this sister or this brother in evangelism?
- Am I exhorting them to be more prayerful and a more devoted student of the Scriptures?
- Am I prompting them to be a better friend to others?
- If they're married, am I urging them to be a better spouse?
- If they're single, am I helping them to feel the love of family?
- If they have kids, am I resourcing them to be a better parent?
- If they have aging parents, am I helping them to be a caring son or daughter?
- Am I someone who draws my friends toward materialism, or am I someone who inspires them to be more generous?

b. What might God be calling you (or our Life Group) to do in order to love others outside of the church?