

Working with Christ as his friend

John 15:12-17

- I. Loving like Christ – Jesus commanded us to love each other sacrificially (John 15:12-13).
 - A. Jesus defined love as following his example (12).
 - B. Jesus defined the greatest love as giving one's life for a friend (13).

- II. Friends of Christ – Jesus said if we keep his commands we are not just his servants but his friends (John 15:14-15)
 - A. Some believers relate to Christ more closely as friends because they obey him (14).
 - B. Jesus wants us to be more than servants who obey, but friends who know God's heart (15).

- III. Partnering with Christ – Jesus chose us to bear lasting fruit (John 15:16-17).
 - A. Christ selects his friends to bear lasting fruit (16a).
 - B. Christ promises to answer when we ask for lasting spiritual fruit (16b).

- IV. Loving like Christ – Jesus repeated his command to love each other (John 15:17).