

**ADBC 8-15/16-21**

**Place of Grace: Love**

**John 15:9-17**

**Transition Scripture**

John 15:9-17 - <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup>I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <sup>17</sup>This is my command: Love each other.

- Insecure people have insecure connections.
- We believe people can have secure relationships when they are connected to Jesus.
- Big Idea: If you are connected to Jesus, you are secured by his love so you can love.
- The Love Model: <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love
- Matthew 28:20b – Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age
- The Obedience Lock: <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love
- The Joy of Security: <sup>11</sup>I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.
- Joy is deep-seated sense of well-being, of safety in God’s universe. – Dallas Willard.
- If you are secured by his love, you will love.
- The Outflow truth: <sup>12</sup>My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.
- Love gives.
- Adopt the Jesus standard for love.
- The Laydown Principle: <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.
- The Slave – Friend Conversion: <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup>I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.
- The Security of Being Chosen - <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.
- The Reminder: <sup>17</sup>This is my command: Love each other.
- Are you secured by Jesus’ love so you can love?
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## **Discussion Questions**

**Starter: In your life, other than your spouse/significant other, who has loved you best?**

### **Go Deeper**

1. Read John 15:9-17
2. Jesus clearly connects the idea of keeping commands and remaining in his love. How do you understand this connection? How would you explain it?
3. Being loved by Jesus means we have joy. In your opinion, do most Jesus followers live in joy? Why or why not?
4. Jesus defines love as laying down your life. Outside of your family, who would you sacrifice for?
5. Jesus says we are friends if we do what he commands – love. How do verses 15-16 change your understanding of prayer?