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1 00:00:00.780 --> 00:00:08.099 Carrington Moore: definitely appreciate you being clever enough to carry a couple of Thomas for providing the space for us are so grateful for us for her on today. 2 00:00:08.460 --> 00:00:16.859 Carrington Moore: We don't have a long Bible study, they actually have short bob study that's actually going to be led by you all the hope for today is for us to 3 00:00:17.400 --> 00:00:25.200 Carrington Moore: Be in breakout rooms to learn together as. Today we're going to be talking about a friendship and so today's lesson is living out our faith. 4 00:00:25.950 --> 00:00:31.320 Carrington Moore: Community. One of the things that's really important to me is trying to figure out how do we maintain 00:00:31.740 --> 00:00:37.620 Carrington Moore: A sense of community, a sense of friendship that is able to grow in the midst of covert 19 6 00:00:38.010 --> 00:00:51.810 Carrington Moore: And so that's the question that we want to race today and we actually want to look at. They're looking at that, by utilizing particular strategy that we call the problem solving method three covert 19. Those of you all who are part of the Bible studies that we had on Wednesdays. 7 00:00:51.810 --> 00:00:52.410 Chanda Christopher: In person. 8 00:00:52.680 --> 00:00:55.410 Carrington Moore: We talked a great deal about utilizing the inductive g 00:00:55.410 --> 00:01:01.140 Carrington Moore: Bible study method as actually something that we use. Probably about 60 or 70% of the time as we

10 00:01:01.410 --> 00:01:07.200 Carrington Moore: Work through something that we might call manuscript Bible study. When you look at one particular passage of Scripture. 11 00:01:07.470 --> 00:01:14.310 Carrington Moore: And you really zone in on that particular passage of scripture kind of extrapolate what we believe that God is trying to say to us. 12 00:01:15.180 --> 00:01:19.890 Carrington Moore: So we're going to use manuscript Bible study or what they might call the inductive Bible study method. 13 00:01:20.250 --> 00:01:28.380 Carrington Moore: As we explore the importance of friendships. Let's pray together. Let us pray. I've actually pick will be out of here by eight o'clock tonight. Let us pray together. 14 00:01:28.650 --> 00:01:36.540 Carrington Moore: God, we thank you for the space. God, we thank you for friendship that we thank you for Joey. We thank you for peace. God, we pray that you help us that you have blessed us 15 00:01:36.870 --> 00:01:43.740 Carrington Moore: As we traveled to the Scripture together. Help us to arrive. It's true that we present them with the Father, the Son, the Holy Ghost that everyone say Amen. 16 $00:01:45.450 \longrightarrow 00:01:49.260$ Carrington Moore: Amen. Well, I have a couple questions I want to ask you all to kind of get our 17 00:01:49.620 --> 00:02:00.930 Carrington Moore: Spiritual kind of rhythms flowing. The first question when I asked you, I asked you to mute yourself, we can kind of put it in the chat and this is simply this. How are you feeling in this moment. How are you all feeling 18 00:02:01.530 --> 00:02:07.680 Carrington Moore: In this moment. You can unmute yourself. You can

tell you a video you can share with us just how you doing, how you feeling in this moment. 19 00:02:15.420 --> 00:02:18.030 Carrington Moore: Sister Trisha say entire alright 20 00:02:24.150 --> 00:02:27.570 Carrington Moore: So, Linda says she's happy to be here. We're happy that you here tonight email. 21 00:02:28.710 --> 00:02:32.820 Carrington Moore: Me what else they want to unmute themselves and to share how they're feeling today. 22 00:02:37.770 --> 00:02:48.060 Joyce Marshall: Just to am having coven fatigue. She's tired of this, the shutdown tired of the, you know, being separated from each other. 23 00:02:54.600 --> 00:03:02.610 Carrington Moore: Joyce can be abs and flows of having covert see my things are getting better in the summertime as the summer Wayne. We were just the fall 24 00:03:02.970 --> 00:03:07.560 Carrington Moore: Seems like things are shutting down just right in the moment of us having Thanksgiving, so many of us are 25 00:03:07.860 --> 00:03:19.200 Carrington Moore: Kind of replanning next week. Some of us might have been going home and now we're kind of rethinking those plans and canceling our trip. So I totally understand anyone else. How are you feeling in this moment. 26 00:03:21.540 --> 00:03:23.250 Carrington Moore: Sister CAROL SAYS SHE FEELS grateful. 27 00:03:25.350 --> 00:03:26.730 Carrington Moore: Emotional Academy 28 00:03:30.000 --> 00:03:30.390

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29 00:03:31.860 --> 00:03:44.670 Carrington Moore: The time she's feeling fatigue. Amen. I was talking this Italian of the day I was I was joking with it. I was like, you know, help me. I was trying to ask how do you preach a message about lowering your expectations. 30 00:03:46.620 --> 00:03:59.940 Carrington Moore: In this moment of what you can and cannot do the expectations of what you can do. They kind of seem impossible. So I don't we have a right sizing of expectations at this moment across our life. 31 00:04:01.560 --> 00:04:10.680 Carrington Moore: So, amen. Let's move on to our next question. I'm just curious, and this is something that's really important because it's going to kind of lead into we talked about friendship. Once you all to ask this question. 32 00:04:11.910 --> 00:04:16.800 Carrington Moore: What are you longing for what is it that you are longing for in this moment. 33 00:04:23.640 --> 00:04:24.870 Carrington Moore: What are you longing for 34 00:04:28.620 --> 00:04:30.120 Marie Doubleday: Short term, long term. 35 00:04:30.870 --> 00:04:37.530 Carrington Moore: We can you ask the double that you can answer any we want to be short term or long term. What do you long before. That's a great question. 36 00:04:43.800 --> 00:04:49.080 Carrington Moore: So people are wanting to travel wanted to be with their family in Barbados. Anyone else will be long before 37 00:04:50.010 --> 00:04:52.950 Felicia Wiltz: I am longing to see my husband again.

38 00:04:53.670 --> 00:04:54.090 Hmm. 30 00:04:55.260 --> 00:04:58.860 Carrington Moore: So please, the essentials loneliness. Your husband again. Amen. Anyone else 40 00:05:00.330 --> 00:05:03.210 Carrington Moore: Longer for Cobra to be over the Linda, I guess. 41 00:05:04.560 --> 00:05:08.610 Carrington Moore: To help my grandchildren. Amen. Anyone else, what are you longing for 42 00:05:11.280 --> 00:05:21.900 TANYA MILLER: Long to be with people without restraint with just the ability to hugs to sit next to them just to be whole community again. Hmm. 43 00:05:22.830 --> 00:05:35.670 Carrington Moore: That's a great point measure time, especially in the lead us into our next question is simply this. How have your relationships, been a pact that we're going to move into our Bible study. This is the question, how have your relationships been impacted in this moment. 44 00:05:40.050 --> 00:05:44.220 Felicia Wiltz: I think I've had to be we've had to be more intentional. Hmm. 45 00:05:45.240 --> 00:05:46.710 Felicia Wiltz: Making sure that we're not 46 00:05:47.820 --> 00:05:57.240 Felicia Wiltz: so wrapped up in the business of everything that we aren't you know we are connecting with one another so we we set aside to intentionally connect with one another. 47 00:05:57.810 --> 00:06:01.050

Carrington Moore: Hmm. That's good to know. That's good. Anybody else 48 00:06:02.220 --> 00:06:03.000 Carrington Moore: Has been impacted 49 00:06:05.670 --> 00:06:06.450 Carole Copeland Thomas: Well, your 50 00:06:08.280 --> 00:06:10.920 Carole Copeland Thomas: Mean I haven't been out that much and 51 00:06:12.300 --> 00:06:24.150 Carole Copeland Thomas: And now for the first time in my life I think about when I'm going to go out and sometimes I go out and I forget the mask that I have to run back in the house and get 52 00:06:24.660 --> 00:06:33.030 Carole Copeland Thomas: Because I'm in the house so much you know I'm between this office and my bedroom my bathroom my kitchen my front and back porch when it was warmer. 53 00:06:33.690 --> 00:06:46.260 Carole Copeland Thomas: And you know that's become the confines of my life and I'm not complaining because I'm busy I have business. I'm I am definitely not complaining. But it definitely has altered. 54 00:06:47.730 --> 00:07:00.870 Carole Copeland Thomas: The way I interact with people and you know clearly outside of my daughter and son in law who live with me, the ones who are here, you know, the other relationships seem like wow that was yesterday year that was a ways ago 55 00:07:02.400 --> 00:07:02.730 Carrington Moore: No. 56 00:07:04.050 --> 00:07:04.380 Carole Copeland Thomas: No. 57 00:07:04.860 --> 00:07:07.770 Carrington Moore: That's good. Anyone else before we move into our

Bible study. 58 00:07:09.960 --> 00:07:12.360 Carrington Moore: Question is, how have your relationships been impacted 59 00:07:29.430 --> 00:07:46.860 Carrington Moore: Think it's not taking things for granted. Is this many folks know I'm involved with the NAACP down here and we are so blessed to have our Executive Committee and 85 year old and 87 year old and a 94 year old. Wow. Hey, 60 00:07:46.920 --> 00:07:55.800 Marie Doubleday: And rubber more I 94 year old if you were down here. He'd have you helping him in the kitchen, so he can 61 00:07:56.850 --> 00:08:16.050 Marie Doubleday: Gross, gross. He looks fine himself and great guy. And so when this all began, like if I sent it. We call them cat. I say, Can anemia, be the answer. Thanks. Can in 24 hours but God forbid, he should fall so we all got worried about it. Let me what 62 00:08:16.680 --> 00:08:17.100 Carrington Moore: Can 63 00:08:17.550 --> 00:08:29.970 Marie Doubleday: We figured out how to keep up with them. He's calling everybody else checking up on everybody else. So, you know, is grateful for that. For the blessing of 64 00:08:31.170 --> 00:08:38.790 Marie Doubleday: Folks like Ken gross and and our elders down here. I think that's one of the things that 65 $00:08:40.230 \longrightarrow 00:08:49.770$ Carrington Moore: As far as friendship scouts and thank you. Amen. Thank you so much for sharing that. And then in this moment. I think you're right isn't. It's an important 66 00:08:50.160 --> 00:08:58.830 Carrington Moore: That we learn to even express gratitude and we know

that we have our gratitude service coming up very soon. I hope everyone can participate in that. But in many ways. 67 00:08:59.250 --> 00:09:03.390 Carrington Moore: It seems very strange and the midst of a pandemic. 68 00:09:04.050 --> 00:09:16.170Carrington Moore: To express gratitude to want to exercise that moment or that muscle. And I think in this moment is important that the midst of all that's going on like the Apostle Paul says account all enjoy 69 00:09:16.530 --> 00:09:20.730 Carrington Moore: And I go through various permutations and various circumstances. So in this moment. 70 00:09:21.630 --> 00:09:28.020 Carrington Moore: In the midst of all this going on, it's important for us to do our best to practice joy to also express gratitude. 71 00:09:28.290 --> 00:09:36.870 Carrington Moore: As sister Carol Copeland Thomas pulls up our slides, we're going to jump into our Bible study as we're talking about how do we utilize the inductive Bible study method. 72 00:09:37.200 --> 00:09:49.410 Carrington Moore: To get at the core of how God has called us into friendship. So we're, we're going to look at today really briefly about how do we grow. 73 $00:09:49.740 \longrightarrow 00:09:59.730$ Carrington Moore: And friendship, in the midst of all that's going on. How are we going fish up so living out our faith through community. Let's go to our next slide way to skip two slides. We've already answered those questions. 74 00:10:00.510 --> 00:10:05.490 Carrington Moore: So we're still right here. So why friendship. Want to ask that question why 75 00:10:05.850 --> 00:10:15.930 Carrington Moore: Are. Why are we discussing this and really briefly

AS YOU'RE GOING TO GO GO TO OUR JOB. Joe Harding and text john chapter 15 I want to submit to us as we're leading a working through the scripture 76 00:10:16.230 --> 00:10:22.320 Carrington Moore: Friendship or a section three point that you might want to write down and keep with you. Friendship inspires godliness. 77 00:10:22.830 --> 00:10:35.280 Carrington Moore: Friendship imitates God and friendship invokes God's presence. And instead of one more time. Why friendship because friendship inspires godliness friendship imitates 78 00:10:35.730 --> 00:10:42.210 Carrington Moore: God or the absence of God, and then friendship invokes God's presence. 79 00:10:42.870 --> 00:10:53.730 Carrington Moore: Let me say it like this friendship is extremely, extremely important to tell you three stories, real quickly by when I first was the point of growing up, my favorite film was called the fox. 80 00:10:54.120 --> 00:11:00.510 Carrington Moore: And the how and the fox in the house, a blockbuster film that came up before I was born, I came on in 1981 and it's simply 81 00:11:01.290 --> 00:11:12.900 Carrington Moore: Follow the story of a fox named Todd and how name copper and then the story before they become enemies, they grow up together and they're hanging out together and they say that they are the best. 82 00:11:13.260 --> 00:11:18.360 Carrington Moore: Friends. Now, in fact, there's a beautiful song that I'm not listening to you talking about how they are the best. 83 00:11:18.600 --> 00:11:22.110 Carrington Moore: Of friends and they're always going to be together, but because

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00:11:22.350 --> 00:11:32.040 Carrington Moore: Of out outside stimuli their friendship is then affected and it comes to a point where Todd, even though he's no longer friends with copper 85 00:11:32.160 --> 00:11:42.180 Carrington Moore: He asked the fin. You all know the story, he has to defend Todd from an enemy, he has to defend convert from the enemy. And what happens in the story. Todd defense copper 86 00:11:42.900 --> 00:11:51.210 Carrington Moore: Copper reciprocates that friendship a defense, Todd. I tell you that story because in the midst of all that's going on. It wouldn't have survived. 87 00:11:51.870 --> 00:11:56.670 Carrington Moore: If they didn't have a friend who chance you like this. Let me share political some political insight on my opinion. 88 00:11:57.120 --> 00:12:04.500 Carrington Moore: In we all know about President Elect Joe Biden, but a couple months ago, it was not projected right and the primary for him to be 89 00:12:04.620 --> 00:12:10.170 Carrington Moore: The next President of the United States of America. As a matter of fact, and as early as February. He was a fourth place. 90 00:12:10.350 --> 00:12:21.660 Carrington Moore: He was behind Elizabeth Warren is behind Pete Buddha gig is behind Bernie Sanders. It was going into the South Carolina primary well look like Joe Biden was not going to win, but a day before the primary 91 00:12:21.900 --> 00:12:29.940 Carrington Moore: Have a friend named President Barack Obama, who made some calls that he convince people to get to drop out the race. He can bit some other folks to drop off the race. 92 00:12:30.090 --> 00:12:36.390 Carrington Moore: And then he called another friend named James cloud born in South Carolina and what happened. Jen fire blogger admitted

endorsement. 93 00:12:36.570 --> 00:12:47.190 Carrington Moore: And then a lot of black folks that came out and voted for Joe Biden and that he wants, South Carolina, that he wants Super Tuesday and kind of part of him being president of the United States of America, I say to you, 94 00:12:47.670 --> 00:12:54.570 Carrington Moore: That having a good friend. Our good friends can go a long way. Let me say a tube like this in the Trinity. 95 00:12:55.410 --> 00:12:59.850 Carrington Moore: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. He's a three. 96 00:13:00.210 --> 00:13:10.230 Carrington Moore: individual personalities, but they share the same goodness. So the same thing that makes God the Father, God the Mother God. The same thing that makes 97 00:13:10.530 --> 00:13:20.340 Carrington Moore: God the Son, Jesus God. The same thing that makes God the Holy Spirit, God, they're all working together, they say they share the same 98 00:13:21.030 --> 00:13:29.520 Carrington Moore: Essence. And so when we see the Scripture we see Jesus in the garden of get somebody was he Jesus what happens, Jesus is struggling 99 00:13:30.000 --> 00:13:35.520 Carrington Moore: Right to go to the cross. He says, not my will but Jesus. Your will be done. He's actually pleading. 100 00:13:35.970 --> 00:13:40.830 Carrington Moore: With God the Father said, Lord, if there's a way

that this cup can pass away from me. Let

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Carrington Moore: Let it be somebody remind himself. He says, not my

will but your will be done as a matter of fact, the disciples are with them. Are they are they are to tablet can stay awake. And what happens is angel. 102 00:13:51.630 --> 00:14:03.570 Carrington Moore: A FRONT END OF THE LORD that come back that comes down and visit him and comfort. Some even all biblical text it shares two things. One, that God enjoys perfect intimacy. 103 00:14:03.870 --> 00:14:12.330 Carrington Moore: With God. So, and even his shares that Jesus Christ, the living savior who understand God and hundred percent human Nina friend. 104 00:14:13.350 --> 00:14:20.250 Carrington Moore: To support him and his greatest moment of need. And so why friendship, because one the friendship and spiders godliness. 105 00:14:20.580 --> 00:14:31.650 Carrington Moore: Friendship normally as we look at the Trinity imitates the person God and then friendship and books. The president that throughout the Gospels and always says that there's throughout the gospel says the first two or three gathered what 106 00:14:32.070 --> 00:14:39.720 Carrington Moore: Jesus on God is in the message. So brothers and sisters in the moment of our own theology 107 00:14:40.050 --> 00:14:49.980 Carrington Moore: Theology and America. It talks about individualism, it talks about personal piety, it talks about all the ways that we got to make it if we named them a claim and all those things. But one of the things 108 00:14:50.370 --> 00:14:59.820 Carrington Moore: That our culture neglects is that the importance of having friendship as a vehicle to get to God. Let's go to our next slide, I'm almost done. 109 00:15:02.220 --> 00:15:13.800 Carrington Moore: And so as we look at the inductive Bible study method going to be looking at john chapter 15 and here, here are the

things that we're gonna be looking at. The first one is observation, we're looking at three different things observation. 110 00:15:14.430 --> 00:15:24.750 Carrington Moore: Interpretation an application. It's actually, I'm not sure why it's pulling off the slab. Let me read to you real quick observation is what you're asking me about the text of what 111 00:15:25.290 --> 00:15:35.640 Carrington Moore: The who the where the why and the how to an observation, you're looking for words that repeat multiple times in the passage 112 00:15:36.030 --> 00:15:45.210 Carrington Moore: Bring observation, you're looking at anything that could be put into a list for an observation, you're looking at words that indicated change and topic. 113 00:15:45.480 --> 00:15:52.770 Carrington Moore: Or time and five, you're looking at words that contrast. One thing against another, and then six words that end. 114 00:15:53.220 --> 00:16:00.360 Carrington Moore: Indicate cause and effects was really read john chapter 15 as you look at a couple of verses, there will be looking 115 00:16:00.930 --> 00:16:14.010 Carrington Moore: Through observation, what is in the Scripture, who is in the Scripture where is the scripture taking place, where is it taking place. Why is it taking place and how is it taking place. We're going to our next slide. 116 00:16:15.840 --> 00:16:24.420 Carrington Moore: So interpretation interpretation simply this. We're going to look back at the connections that you made as you observe the text. 117 00:16:24.780 --> 00:16:32.820 Carrington Moore: And then you look at what are the main connections that run throughout the passage and we'll look at what are the main

thread. So

118 00:16:33.060 --> 00:16:42.570 Carrington Moore: On your observation, you're going to ask key questions about what the Scripture might be saying, now this is important. We think about interpretation because interpretation. 119 00:16:42.780 --> 00:16:51.750 Carrington Moore: All interpretation as an equal but i mean by that is that we all are using a hermeneutics or way that we observed the texts were all using a different 120 00:16:52.380 --> 00:17:03.420 Carrington Moore: One your hermeneutics comes, particularly from your own advantage point or your own lived experience of the way that Dr. Fleet via looks at the scripture through experience will be very different. 121 00:17:03.660 --> 00:17:13.860 Carrington Moore: From the way that I look at the Scripture because we have our own different experiences own different understandings own different histories, even our own different traumas and inform 122 00:17:14.160 --> 00:17:22.470 Carrington Moore: Our reading and looking at the Scripps effects. The last part of the application and Bible studies almost over application is simply this. The next slide. 123 00:17:23.910 --> 00:17:31.770 Carrington Moore: Application is how do you connect your own life. How does this passage, speak to your particular story. So I'm going to ask this question. 124 00:17:32.130 --> 00:17:39.810 Carrington Moore: How do you sense that God is speaking to you through this passage to what part of your life is connected 125 00:17:40.080 --> 00:17:51.960 Carrington Moore: To the core teaching of this text and three. How are you experiencing what a character in the story is living out going to have one more than look at the, at the end. And then is there a promise to trust.

00:17:52.290 --> 00:17:59.820 Carrington Moore: A command tool Bay or an example to follow or boy. And so whenever you're looking at scripture. If you're studying scripture with young people. 127 00:17:59.910 --> 00:18:07.080 Carrington Moore: I just finished a picture with your booth thing your brother, your sister, and you're studying scripture and the church. I would simply advise folks. 128 00:18:07.440 --> 00:18:12.060 Carrington Moore: To walk through these three passages either formally or informally, which is observation. 129 00:18:12.630 --> 00:18:25.380 Carrington Moore: Interpretation application. Hello insight. When people are preparing sermons. This is often the way in a Western build out their sermon, they have to one look at what is in the text to how they interpret 130 00:18:25.680 --> 00:18:36.180 Carrington Moore: How the text is moving in that particular context, but also how the text to be applicable to the lived experience of the people that the preaching to it. So you all are becoming 131 00:18:36.540 --> 00:18:44.970 Carrington Moore: young preachers and young teachers by following this particular strategy of looking at scripture, we actually could stop the flower actually go to john 132 $00:18:45.180 \longrightarrow 00:18:58.890$ Carrington Moore: Chapter 15 or john chapter 15 if you all can read these passages together. Go to john chapter 15 we're looking at a couple of scriptures together and then we're actually going to walk through the scripture text together and so 133 00:18:59.580 --> 00:19:13.020 Carrington Moore: Real quick to kill you can actually, if you want to you can stop the slide you can ask a couple people to read. We're going to go to john chapter 15 together to see some folks who have come into the chat.

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00:19:16.320 --> 00:19:20.490 Carrington Moore: Or look at john chapter 1500 reverses one 135 00:19:25.440 --> 00:19:27.960 Carrington Moore: Were actually real. Our next reading verses one 136 00:19:30.330 --> 00:19:38.430 Carrington Moore: Through 17 was actually a good amount of remiss a lot. We will get through it together. We're going to discuss it together. So I'm going to ask 137 00:19:38.820 --> 00:19:47.730 Carrington Moore: Sister Joyce I'm asked you if you can read. It's okay if you have a different if you have a different translation last use the choice to read verses one through 10 138 00:19:49.170 --> 00:19:54.780 Carrington Moore: The jury is going to read verses one through 10 and then I'm going to ask. I'm going to ask 139 00:19:57.270 --> 00:20:01.740 Carrington Moore: I'm gonna ask Minister TELLING US military are still alive. I can't see that well. 140 00:20:02.430 --> 00:20:11.250 Carrington Moore: Yes, the military are still alive. I'm going to ask you to read verses 11 through 17 says the joy should read verses one through 10 and starting to get a different translation that's all good. 141 00:20:11.460 --> 00:20:17.700 Carrington Moore: And I asked Mr. Tyler to read verses 11 through 17 and they were actually on a break out into groups. 142 00:20:17.760 --> 00:20:29.760Carrington Moore: And to our breakout us to care of songs now telling you that my put an email or do our best of it going to do our best to break out into breakout groups and discuss the observation portion together. 143

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Okay, wherever Reverend, can you again. 144 00:20:32.070 --> 00:20:34.470 Carole Copeland Thomas: Tell us the chapter and the verses 145 00:20:34.650 --> 00:20:40.800 Carrington Moore: Problem john chapter 15 reading verses one through 17 146 00:20:41.040 --> 00:20:41.520 Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you. 147 00:20:41.850 --> 00:20:52.500 Carrington Moore: No problem john chapter 15 verses one through 17 there's a situation that reverses one through 10 mins Natalia verses 11 through 17 148 00:20:54.510 --> 00:20:56.880 Joyce Marshall: Okay so reading from me and IV. 149 00:20:58.080 --> 00:21:10.980 Joyce Marshall: I am the true vine and my father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in Me that bears no fruit. Well, every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, so that it will be even more fruitful. 150 00:21:11.520 --> 00:21:18.120 Joyce Marshall: You are already claimed because of the word I have spoken to you remain in Me and I will remain and you 151 00:21:18.840 --> 00:21:26.430 Joyce Marshall: Know branch can bear fruit, by itself, it must remain in the vine, neither can you bear fruit, unless you remain in me. 152 00:21:26.970 --> 00:21:36.330 Joyce Marshall: I am the vine, you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him. He will bear much fruit, apart from me you can do nothing. 153 00:21:36.900 --> 00:21:45.690 Joyce Marshall: If anyone does not remain in me. He is like a branch

that is stolen away and withers such branches are picked up thrown into the fire and burned 154 00:21:46.080 --> 00:21:57.570 Joyce Marshall: If you remain in me and my words remain in you ask whatever you wish and it will be given you this is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit showing yourselves to be My disciples 155 00:21:58.140 --> 00:22:11.100 Joyce Marshall: As the Father has loved me so I have loved you now remain in my love. If you obey my commands you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my father's commands and remain in His love. 156 00:22:12.240 --> 00:22:24.450 TANYA MILLER: I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete my command is this love each other as I have loved you. 157 00:22:25.080 --> 00:22:34.620 TANYA MILLER: Greater love has no one than this to lay down one's life or one's friends you who are my friends. If you do what I command. 158 00:22:35.190 --> 00:22:50.100 TANYA MILLER: I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his masters business. Instead, I have called you friends for everything that I I learned from you, from My Father I have made known to you. 159 00:22:51.150 --> 00:23:09.540 TANYA MILLER: 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 my name. The Father will give you this is my command love each other. 160 00:23:10.500 --> 00:23:13.650 Carrington Moore: Amen. Jesus says in Verse 14 161 00:23:13.680 --> 00:23:24.060 Carrington Moore: You are my friends. If you do not, if you do what I command I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business instead

162 $00:23:24.630 \rightarrow 00:23:36.930$ Carrington Moore: Of called you friends for everything I have learned my father have made known to you. Thanks as always thank you, Minister, time is the word of God for the people got thanks be to God at this time. 163 00:23:37.740 --> 00:23:46.230 Carrington Moore: That a lot observation, you have a pen with you to the breakout into our groups and we're going to maybe have groups, maybe four or five people us to Carol. 164 00:23:46.650 --> 00:23:54.720 Carrington Moore: I want you all to you're going to answer these two questions as we're looking at observation and the inductive Bible study method you go through observation. 165 $00:23:55.410 \longrightarrow 00:24:04.320$ Carrington Moore: You ask questions that leads you to interpretation that leads you into application. So observation interpretation application in this first round. 166 00:24:04.860 --> 00:24:22.200 Carrington Moore: We look at observation. So the guestions you're going to ask yourself is, who was in the text. What is the text about where is this taking place, when, why, and how. So you're answering the who the what the where the when and why and how. And then the other thing you're looking at 167 00:24:23.220 --> 00:24:31.530 Carrington Moore: Is what is interesting. Once you ask this guestion. What is interesting about the text that stands out to you. 168 00:24:32.130 --> 00:24:41.940 Carrington Moore: You're going to do those two things. Describe the who the what the where the when, why and how to the best of your ability, and then to what is interesting. 169 00:24:42.330 --> 00:24:55.830 Carrington Moore: About the text that stands out to you as we're looking at john chapter 15 verse one through 17. The time is now 730 we're going to break out into our groups. We're going to come back together at 737

170 00:24:59.130 --> 00:25:00.090 Carole Copeland Thomas: Seven minutes 171 00:25:02.010 --> 00:25:10.740 Carrington Moore: I think we can do two minutes. I don't think there's a whole lot, but if you want to, I guess it is almost a chapter will be 10 minutes that we're supposed to do 10 minutes 172 00:25:20.160 --> 00:25:26.370 Carole Copeland Thomas: Alright, when you get when you see the Join button just press on it and you'll go into your groups. 173 00:25:46.830 --> 00:25:47.640 Carrington Moore: Everyone 174 00:25:48.690 --> 00:25:49.140 Carrington Moore: Hear me now. 175 00:25:49.740 --> 00:25:55.320 Carrington Moore: Yes. Alright, have a good time topic. So I enjoyed everyone in the in the group. 176 00:25:55.620 --> 00:25:58.650 Carrington Moore: And the group that I have. I want to see if we can. You can put in the chat. 177 00:25:58.860 --> 00:26:08.490 Carrington Moore: Or you can unmute yourself. There were so many different observations that we had and john chapter 15 verses one through 17 I enjoy my group and we can unmute yourselves. 178 00:26:09.120 --> 00:26:16.530 Carrington Moore: Or put in the chat. What observations that you make about the texts that are really important to you. So you all can again unmute yourself to kind of put them in the chat. 179 00:26:16.950 --> 00:26:24.090 Carrington Moore: Or smartphone, the observations that you saw that you may have regarding the text and john chapter 15 verses one through

17 minutes of time but you got 180 00:26:24.540 --> 00:26:32.370 TANYA MILLER: We were just talking about how this occurred after like in between the Last Supper and the cross 181 $00:26:33.690 \longrightarrow 00:26:44.130$ TANYA MILLER: And how powerful and relevant, it is today because Judas was ready to betray Jesus and he's still talking about love and 182 00:26:45.390 --> 00:26:59.910 TANYA MILLER: In today's climate and we know some of the people who've already portrayed us if we see it that way. I'm not saying that people do, but some people may see that way, politically, and we still have to live, you know, and how do we show that active love 183 00:27:01.080 --> 00:27:07.350 Carrington Moore: To us move to quit interpretation, because most I See You ready, that kind of tells what the text is the best good 184 00:27:07.620 --> 00:27:18.120 Carrington Moore: But at the point that you made is the when, when did this take place in the text. I want you to say that one more time because that was a really good point. What did it take place. You said it was in between TO PUT SIGNIFICANT moments and again 185 00:27:18.210 --> 00:27:22.260 TANYA MILLER: It was in between the Last Supper and the cross 186 $00:27:23.310 \longrightarrow 00:27:30.240$ TANYA MILLER: And even in between. I believe he was when he cried out for the cup to be removed from him. 187 00:27:30.720 --> 00:27:31.830 TANYA MILLER: When Jesus right that 188 00:27:32.250 --> 00:27:45.240 Carrington Moore: That's good. So we can see where the when we just see we can place for the Jesus narrative of john and the Johnny and text. Where are we and this takes place. Anybody else with the observation that you have great point, Mr telling anybody of

189 00:27:52.050 --> 00:28:02.940 Linda Mells: Our I was in a group with the minister Tanya the slender and she pointed out to us that love is an action and it's equal to act active sacrifice. 190 00:28:04.830 --> 00:28:11.160 Carrington Moore: That's good. I guess I can see y'all are biblical scholars are moving into to interpretation. And that's all right. 191 00:28:14.460 --> 00:28:16.500 Carrington Moore: I remember we used to be a Bible study of personal 192 00:28:17.940 --> 00:28:21.870 Carrington Moore: Observation. We just go straight into the text is trying to say, but that's good. 193 00:28:22.680 --> 00:28:26.190 Linda Mells: That was the impact that it had on me, in answer to your question. 194 00:28:26.820 --> 00:28:28.590 Carrington Moore: Amen. Amen. I want to lift up. 195 00:28:29.700 --> 00:28:39.330 Carrington Moore: Linda, we talked about in our group that but this importance of love is mentioned multiple times as a manager is mentioned as a commandment. 196 00:28:39.600 --> 00:28:46.380 Carrington Moore: And one of the things is we're studying Scripture is important for us. We're looking at the text we have to look at what words are repeated. 197 00:28:47.130 --> 00:28:52.770 Carrington Moore: And why the repeated. Right. And the other thing to look at our their commands or instructions. 198 00:28:53.040 --> 00:29:03.930 Carrington Moore: That are given. And Jesus he explores though he

almost commands that he says remain the same. I'm paraphrasing or may I want you to remain in my love. And so that's a good place to lend to anybody else. 199 00:29:11.640 --> 00:29:22.260 Carrington Moore: Just a double day, how does we judge. I'm just calling people out. Now, it's all good. This is a double day, this is not a hard question to ask you. What is john chapter 15 verse one, say, what does that say 200 00:29:27.930 --> 00:29:30.120 Carrington Moore: You can mute yourself us today. 201 00:29:30.840 --> 00:29:33.780 Marie Doubleday: I'm sorry I don't have it right in front of me right now. 202 00:29:34.110 --> 00:29:40.650 Carrington Moore: So I will lose your phone a friend. We're going to go to System Lily. What is john chapter 15 verse one, say, 203 00:29:43.980 --> 00:29:44.820 Lillie Cousin: Various one 204 00:29:45.510 --> 00:29:46.920 Carrington Moore: Verse one john chapter 15 205 00:29:52.890 --> 00:29:55.020 Carrington Moore: Folks are watching jeopardy or Bible study. 206 00:29:57.870 --> 00:30:02.010 Lillie Cousin: Yesterday, but adding him a Bible open, but he now to be open. Give me one minute. 207 00:30:02.610 --> 00:30:03.330 Carrington Moore: Man, a man 208 00:30:04.080 --> 00:30:06.300 Lillie Cousin: Okay, giant dopers

209 00:30:07.320 --> 00:30:08.640 Lillie Cousin: John one say that 210 00:30:09.630 --> 00:30:13.260 Lillie Cousin: I am the true vine and my father is the gardener. 211 00:30:15.270 --> 00:30:16.560 Carrington Moore: Say one more time because 212 00:30:18.570 --> 00:30:22.080 Lillie Cousin: I am the true again. And my father is the gardener. 213 00:30:22.290 --> 00:30:35.310 Carrington Moore: So we see an observation, Jesus is giving a name to himself. He says, I am which is loaded right we look at the Hebrew Scriptures loaded with so many things we all can go back to Exodus when 214 00:30:35.760 --> 00:30:52.860 Carrington Moore: When Moses says, What do I call you. He says, saying that I am has sent you some CSS mixed mixture of the IM statement. It makes nothing seven I am statements throughout the book. So he says, I am what a great part and my father who is making himself that his name. 215 00:30:54.360 --> 00:30:55.710 Carrington Moore: He said there were times where 216 00:30:56.550 --> 00:31:03.060Lillie Cousin: The God, now I am the vine and my father is the I Am the true vine and my father is the gardener. 217 00:31:03.210 --> 00:31:05.940 Lillie Cousin: It's not about the church tonight. 218 00:31:07.590 --> 00:31:22.680 Lillie Cousin: Tonight, tonight, because see you. Glad to hear me jumping in. I'm not about to jump in on this one tonight because, see, that's not enough to know that whenever we won't if we put our faith in plant that seed is going to grow in. It's going to sprout.

219 00:31:22.980 --> 00:31:23.310 0ur 220 00:31:25.530 --> 00:31:38.100 Carrington Moore: Last thing going to slow down a little bit. We got time. We don't lift it, but texting their and their little bit. This is good stimulates. This is a double, double, to go back to you. What is verse five says, What does verse five, say, 221 00:31:38.520 --> 00:31:43.170 Marie Doubleday: Five. Okay. I am the vine, you are the branches. 222 00:31:43.680 --> 00:31:46.050 Carrington Moore: You say one more time. Say that one more time. 223 00:31:46.230 --> 00:31:49.320 Marie Doubleday: I am the vine, you are the branches. 224 00:31:49.620 --> 00:31:53.430 Carrington Moore: Huh, there was this after that if you remain in me and 225 00:31:53.430 --> 00:31:56.100 Marie Doubleday: I knew you will be at much fruit. 226 00:31:56.460 --> 00:31:57.150 Carrington Moore: That's good. 227 00:31:57.540 --> 00:31:59.250 Marie Doubleday: For me you can do nothing. 228 $00:31:59.730 \longrightarrow 00:32:06.930$ Carrington Moore: Amen. That's good. So we see in the text to observation Jesus as nailing 229 00:32:08.010 --> 00:32:12.960 Carrington Moore: To a metaphor, right, that would be important to them at that time. He says, I am the vine.

230 00:32:13.710 --> 00:32:25.980 Carrington Moore: He says, My father is the branches. I don't say my father is the gardener. And then verse five he says you are the branches. Anything else, what are some other observations. We're gonna come back to all of that. What are some of the observations that we have in the touch. 231 00:32:33.360 --> 00:32:34.530 Carrington Moore: present to us in the text. 232 00:32:34.950 --> 00:32:36.630 Carrington Moore: Is a nice little bit 233 00:32:37.890 --> 00:32:44.940 Denise Montgomery: I would say that as the branch. If we abide in him we will bear much fruit. 234 00:32:45.600 --> 00:32:46.020 Hmm. 235 00:32:47.940 --> 00:32:54.690 Carrington Moore: That's good. So we see that text saying we are the branches. Right, and is saying that if we are the branches then consequently 236 00:32:55.020 --> 00:33:03.390 Carrington Moore: Who are bear fruit. So that's going to move into interpretation. Little bit less. I want to hear some people talk about the friend language. So people make some observations. 237 00:33:03.750 --> 00:33:13.530 Carrington Moore: This little lower in the text right versus like 11 through 17. What is the observations that we have there about the language what Jesus is saying. 238 00:33:19.290 --> 00:33:21.630 Denise Montgomery: He said, you are my friend. 239 00:33:22.410 --> 00:33:25.080

Denise Montgomery: Hmm, you do what I command. 240 00:33:25.650 --> 00:33:25.980 Hmm. 241 00:33:27.000 --> 00:33:33.810 Carrington Moore: That's good, that's good. And so what does he. What does he juxtapose that with against. He says, I no longer call you work what he says, Oh, no. 242 00:33:35.220 --> 00:33:36.510 Denise Montgomery: No longer serving 243 00:33:36.840 --> 00:33:37.230 Uh huh. 244 00:33:39.630 --> 00:33:46.920 Carrington Moore: So we see we see the observation that there's a difference in a relationship that's happening. This is all 245 00:33:47.670 --> 00:33:54.750 Carrington Moore: I want to say I want to call it a remaining we see their, their relationship to God. Now it's changing it says I no longer call you servants. 246 00:33:55.290 --> 00:34:05.970 Carrington Moore: Because a servant does not know what his masters doing but I now call your friends. So we have two observations one, why does Jesus in this moment, call them friends and then to 247 00:34:06.510 --> 00:34:16.140 Carrington Moore: What business is Jesus sharing with his disciples, because he's letting us know in the text that is something that serve it doesn't know about what the masters doing 248 00:34:16.410 --> 00:34:29.760 Carrington Moore: He says, I've made all these things. No, no. Do you so what business are what are the things that Jesus is making known to us disciples. What is Jesus made known to us today. They are left out, Joey.

249 00:34:30.300 --> 00:34:43.080 Carrington Moore: On the latter parts of the structure isn't mentioned several times. Right. Several times this instance of joy. As mentioned, we're going to move into interpretation family as I as the movie is ready to present to Denise, guys. 250 $00:34:46.800 \rightarrow 00:34:53.730$ Carrington Moore: Move it to ourselves to go back into the breakout rooms. And I want to ask. I want to I want you that I want you to answer these two questions. 251 00:34:55.560 --> 00:34:59.040 Carrington Moore: I want you to answer I can give you all three questions. Do me a favor and write these down. 252 00:34:59.670 --> 00:35:09.600 Carrington Moore: These are really important. This is going to finish our Bible study. We're going to be in our we're going to be in the breakout room just we'll just do five minutes, we'll come back together will preach to each other. The first question is, 253 00:35:11.790 --> 00:35:12.600 Carrington Moore: Why 254 00:35:13.950 --> 00:35:19.620 Carrington Moore: does Jesus say I am the true vine, why does Jesus say that 255 00:35:21.360 --> 00:35:21.900 Carrington Moore: That's one. 256 00:35:23.700 --> 00:35:24.150 Carrington Moore: Two. 257 00:35:25.230 --> 00:35:34.740 Carrington Moore: What does it mean to be a friend. Oh God, that's to what does it mean to be a friend of God and carry 258 00:35:36.120 --> 00:35:44.460 Carrington Moore: What business is made known to the disciples and,

consequently, what business Jesus made known to us. 259 00:35:45.060 --> 00:35:52.860 Carrington Moore: Was the three guestions. We can preach 27th from that alone. Once you want to answer those three questions as we jump back into our groups to care. We can just do 260 00:35:53.370 --> 00:36:04.800 Carrington Moore: How long you think should be in. I do want us to be with delta baba said about 815. And so if you think we can do five minutes. That's five or 10 minutes. But what are we done by April 30 would go back to our breakout groups, we're going to answer those three questions together. 261 00:36:06.270 --> 00:36:10.650 Carole Copeland Thomas: I'd say five to 10 minutes since you've got complex questions but 262 00:36:11.310 --> 00:36:12.000 Carole Copeland Thomas: Let the 263 00:36:12.090 --> 00:36:19.830 Carole Copeland Thomas: Class with 10 minutes work for everybody see heads nodding. Okay, alright. So, Reverend 264 00:36:21.120 --> 00:36:22.170 Carrington Moore: We'll see you all little bit 265 00:36:22.320 --> 00:36:22.680 0kay. 266 00:36:44.850 --> 00:36:49.110 Carole Copeland Thomas: Sister Andrea. I'm going to put you in group for 267 00:36:57.120 --> 00:37:13.590 Carrington Moore: Everybody. Great job everybody. We got about we got about 15 minutes left. And I want us to kind of work through all of these questions really quickly. You all can put your answer in the chat. But I encourage you all to mute yourself. The first question, why, what does it mean when God says,

268 00:37:14.730 --> 00:37:22.620 Carrington Moore: I am the true by what what is, what does that mean for us. How do you interpret and understand that particular scripture 269 00:37:36.540 --> 00:37:39.930 Felicia Wiltz: Well, in our group, group three, we talked about 270 00:37:41.670 --> 00:37:42.900 Felicia Wiltz: The true vine. 271 00:37:43.950 --> 00:37:46.980 Felicia Wiltz: Being the, the one and only source. 272 00:37:48.150 --> 00:37:48.750 Felicia Wiltz: To God 273 00:37:50.220 --> 00:37:56.550 Felicia Wiltz: And that if we're connected to that source. Then we will bear good fruit and 274 00:37:58.320 --> 00:38:01.710 Felicia Wiltz: If we're not connected to that source, we will not bear good fruit. 275 00:38:06.450 --> 00:38:09.540 Carrington Moore: That's good. I got a follow up question but Imma, imma listen, buddy. I'll jump in. 276 00:38:14.100 --> 00:38:15.180 Carrington Moore: Anybody else. I see. 277 00:38:16.620 --> 00:38:19.020 Carrington Moore: Someone said the word of God is the true vine. Okay. 278 00:38:21.090 --> 00:38:21.660 Carrington Moore: Anyone else

00:38:32.160 --> 00:38:38.310 Carrington Moore: Don't be nervous you all this is all good. I'm not. I'm not. It's not a gotcha question. I'm just trying to understand what 280 00:38:38.640 --> 00:38:39.240 We're thinking 281 $00:38:43.410 \longrightarrow 00:38:43.830$ Suzanne Ricco: That 282 00:38:45.540 --> 00:38:52.020 Suzanne Ricco: I thought that he was telling me he was the true vine, because there were at a time when they were hearing multiple messages or different 283 00:38:52.440 --> 00:39:05.880 Suzanne Ricco: From the government leaders same to follow them if they were the right way or they may have been other priests and other groups. And so he saying like, don't listen to them. Basically, I am the way, 284 00:39:07.680 --> 00:39:11.280 Carrington Moore: That's good, that's, that's a great point to Susan, that's an excellent point. 285 00:39:12.240 --> 00:39:22.500 Carrington Moore: There were most people even Caesar, they're living under Roman supremacy in many ways, Caesar was declaring that he was had got like qualities that he himself was I mean ways divide 286 00:39:22.920 --> 00:39:28.410 Carrington Moore: And so I think that's important to acknowledge that also saying, you know, this, this, I am statement, the true vine. 287 00:39:29.040 --> 00:39:37.080 Carrington Moore: This is this a really powerful statement because this is found in the Hebrew Scriptures. He's making based on making a declaration that He is God that He is divine. 288 00:39:37.560 --> 00:39:54.240

Carrington Moore: And so, so guess Jesus to push to Susan is proclaiming to his disciples and to those who haven't heard his message seven different times throughout the scripture text in the book of john he's declaring in its own way, his own divinity. That's great point. Anybody else 289 00:39:55.470 --> 00:39:59.010 Carole Copeland Thomas: Well, he also says if you look at verse some 290 00:39:59.490 --> 00:40:19.320 Carole Copeland Thomas: Six. If you do not remain in me. You are like a branch that is thrown away and withers such branches are picked up thrown into the fire and burned so he is the source of our strength and our life and our existence and to move away or get distracted and to depart and to follow. 291 00:40:20.370 --> 00:40:25.800 Carole Copeland Thomas: Someone else or some other being is to literally wither and die. 292 00:40:27.870 --> 00:40:29.010 Carrington Moore: That's good, that's good. 293 00:40:30.420 --> 00:40:31.110 Carrington Moore: You know what else 294 00:40:38.700 --> 00:40:47.700 Carrington Moore: We ask this guestion was moved to a second guestion, almost done, and I'm a pastor, Gloria. GLORIA kind of bring it full circle and have the last word after one of them talking 295 00:40:49.170 --> 00:40:54.210 Carrington Moore: What, what does it mean to be friends with God. We talked about today about friendship. 296 00:40:54.750 --> 00:41:05.310 Carrington Moore: I want us to try to connect the dots before we can really talk about the significance of friendship with each other, which we're going to talk about next week. What does it mean to be a friend of God. What does that mean,

00:41:16.920 --> 00:41:23.760 Andrea S: To do what he commands and that's in where's that first what t 298 00:41:24.870 --> 00:41:25.230 Mm hmm. 299 00:41:26.460 --> 00:41:33.390 Carrington Moore: That's good. That's a good point. That's what the Scripture says. He says, If you remain in me. If you do my commands. You're my friend. That's good. Anyone else 300 00:41:39.390 --> 00:41:42.480 TANYA MILLER: Suzanne was in my group and she did a great job of 301 00:41:43.530 --> 00:41:46.620 TANYA MILLER: Talking about this. I'm kind of putting you on the spot. Suzanne. 302 00:41:47.850 --> 00:41:50.790 TANYA MILLER: You could say, as you said, I can't say like you did. 303 00:41:53.220 --> 00:41:54.510 Suzanne Ricco: I don't remember what I said. 304 00:41:57.480 --> 00:41:59.760 Suzanne Ricco: What do you leave it off, but I still remember what 305 00:42:01.050 --> 00:42:07.320 Linda Mells: You said um you we are equal with him on the same plane with him. 306 00:42:10.560 --> 00:42:20.850 TANYA MILLER: And I think you were like, referring to like Jesus. How we like have like Jesus. We have access to God. I think you were saying. 307 00:42:21.000 --> 00:42:23.670 Suzanne Ricco: Yeah, I'm saying that when they said that when

308 $00:42:23.730 \longrightarrow 00:42:37.590$ Suzanne Ricco: You're not a service which to a friend. So I said, was saying that that made a sequel, and we have equal access access to God and there was like no caste system or hierarchy to getting the info. 309 00:42:41.190 --> 00:42:42.300 Suzanne Ricco: Equally valued. 310 00:42:47.610 --> 00:42:48.900 Carrington Moore: That's good, that's good. 311 00:42:52.020 --> 00:42:52.950 Carrington Moore: To come back to that point. 312 00:42:56.610 --> 00:43:05.040 Carole Copeland Thomas: When you're a friend, a friend is different than a than an equate acquaintance. We have acquaintances and we have friends. 313 00:43:05.430 --> 00:43:14.160 Carole Copeland Thomas: And then we have true friends. And then we have rider die friends and we have seasonal friends. So, I mean, there are variations of friendship, but 314 00:43:14.760 --> 00:43:27.990 Carole Copeland Thomas: When I think about being a friend of God. I don't necessarily look at me being on the same level as God but i i i think of it as a respectful relationship with 315 00:43:28.770 --> 00:43:43.860 Carole Copeland Thomas: With the vine and one that will last throughout when you have some friends, gosh, my oldest friend were like three weeks apart age was I've noticed, since she was five years old. 316 00:43:44.310 --> 00:43:46.140 Carole Copeland Thomas: And she'll always be my friend. 317 00:43:46.650 --> 00:43:48.510 Carole Copeland Thomas: And I'll always be her friend.

318 00:43:50.070 --> 00:44:05.490 Carole Copeland Thomas: So you have you have those long term friendships, you don't necessarily. Well, in my case, I don't talk to her every day. But she's still my friend. So it's a different. It's a different kind of relationship than an acquaintance 319 00:44:08.220 --> 00:44:10.320 Carrington Moore: That's a good point. That's a good point. 320 00:44:10.680 --> 00:44:20.820 Stacey Luster: I think that in this in this text, though, we're told that that there is a condition to be to being his friend that we have to abide by his commandments. 321 00:44:21.690 --> 00:44:38.400 Stacey Luster: In order to be his friends you we, you know, and you know, I admit that sometimes I i get attracted to the world and and then when I see that I have to distance myself from that and come back in stride with God. 322 00:44:39.600 --> 00:44:41.310 Stacey Luster: Because that's what's commanded of me. 323 00:44:45.540 --> 00:44:51.450 TANYA MILLER: Sorry, but I think that's why you know he starts off by saying I'm I Am the true vine. 324 00:44:52.620 --> 00:44:53.190 TANYA MILLER: You know, 325 00:44:54.510 --> 00:45:05.250 TANYA MILLER: Because the world will be attracted, it will present to us. Other vines. So we have to stay in, in line with Jesus. And I do 326 00:45:06.090 --> 00:45:24.540 TANYA MILLER: It the Way, Susan, when we talked about it I pushed back and said, hey, we're not equal as well. But when you look at Jesus and His and how he reveals that we can have access to the Father and that we're all one. It's like this continuous and grafting into this larger

327 00:45:25.860 --> 00:45:36.150 TANYA MILLER: Picture, then it does make it seem like as France, we have this beautiful deep relationship that can be a fruit that does 328 00:45:37.350 --> 00:45:47.730 TANYA MILLER: Jesus was bear fruit. We bear fruit. We loving we're sacrificing we're all in the same thing picture. I know, I started out a little messy. At the end, but you get my drift. 329 00:45:50.790 --> 00:45:53.520 Hannah Brooks: I mentioned, like we're co creators with God. 330 00:45:54.240 --> 00:45:56.190 Hannah Brooks: So I sort of agree. Okay. 331 00:45:57.840 --> 00:46:14.640 Carrington Moore: That's good, that's good and john chapter 14 syllabus. A great question. It was like yo, Jesus, show us the Father and Jesus says Dino me because I know you. He says, if you have seen me if you know me. 332 00:46:15.270 --> 00:46:16.710 Carrington Moore: You know the Father. 333 00:46:17.130 --> 00:46:26.460 Carrington Moore: And then Jesus and this metaphor going the vine and chapter 15. He says, I am the vine and my father is the gardener. 334 $00:46:26.940 \longrightarrow 00:46:40.680$ Carrington Moore: And you are the branches. Jesus is making a theological connection to his disciples that they are connected to the following say it like this, Jesus is saying I am God and you are my friend. 335 00:46:45.750 --> 00:46:48.600 Carrington Moore: Jesus is saying I am God. 336 00:46:49.710 --> 00:46:53.040 Carrington Moore: And you are my friends just a little bit about

337 00:46:53.610 --> 00:47:02.550 Carrington Moore: The, the, the social position that they're in one, Jesus is a rabbi. I believe in my own study of the scriptures to Jesus to learn, Rabbi me that Jesus 338 00:47:02.790 --> 00:47:14.760 Carrington Moore: He went through the rabbinical process to be around by the Jesus had his own battle was john the baptist who were baptized him so Jesus has social and academic standing within the community. He has referred to 339 00:47:15.300 --> 00:47:27.180 Carrington Moore: By not just by the people, but my other religious authority figures. So once this is a rabbi come to Jesus calls to qualified Roxbury Community College dropouts that be as disciples 340 00:47:27.660 --> 00:47:36.450 Carrington Moore: Right, so Jesus is calling some folks who are unqualified who are disciples. He's not calling him service anymore. But now he's calling 341 00:47:36.930 --> 00:47:56.460 Carrington Moore: Them friends to have two things we have to wrestle with. Why is Jesus or why is God calling folks friends and then to the social dispositions this learn phenomenal Rabbi as a made all of this knowledge known to people who are deemed worthy of knowing 342 00:47:59.850 --> 00:48:09.450 Carrington Moore: What does this means for us to go to this last question. What is the business of Jesus that he's made known to us disciples 343 00:48:11.460 --> 00:48:16.140 Carrington Moore: He says alone call you servants, because a servant doesn't know the masters business. 344 00:48:17.460 --> 00:48:24.240 Carrington Moore: Now call you friends because I've made everything that I have known that there were built into the father made it known to you.

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00:48:26.070 --> 00:48:35.070 Carole Copeland Thomas: I'm going to go back to my original story again about friendship. And if you look at some friendships through the years. 346 00:48:35.550 --> 00:48:45.240 Carole Copeland Thomas: You have some. Let's say you have two individuals and one skyrockets and is very successful, etc. The other person doesn't have that same level of success. 347 00:48:45.600 --> 00:48:59.010 Carole Copeland Thomas: But because the relationship is so deep, their status in life doesn't matter. They're still friends god he transitions us and promotes us to becoming a friend. 348 00:48:59.910 --> 00:49:16.230 Carole Copeland Thomas: Versus being a servant because of our commitment and our allegiance to him. So our individual success factors or titles, whatever. That doesn't make any difference at all. It's, it's our relationship with Him that matters the most. 349 00:49:18.750 --> 00:49:21.330 Carrington Moore: Good. Anybody else want to build on that point. We're almost done. 350 00:49:33.030 --> 00:49:33.450 Joyce Marshall: Well, 351 00:49:34.530 --> 00:49:52.200 Joyce Marshall: I'm thinking if you if you like it doesn't matter because God is not looking for the smartest people or the most influential people he's looking for those who follow him, and are committed to him so 352 00:49:52.890 --> 00:50:03.060 Joyce Marshall: If you're willing, you know, you're willing to, you know, work hard and do what he's calling you to do. It doesn't, it's not going to matter to him, whether you are 353 00:50:04.080 --> 00:50:16.770 Joyce Marshall: What's what what your position is in life or you know how smart you are, or how well connected you are because you're

connected to him. And it doesn't matter who else you're connected within 354 00:50:22.020 --> 00:50:25.350 Carrington Moore: A great statement, we'll take one more. Anybody else before we close out 355 00:50:27.360 --> 00:50:33.120 Stacey Luster: Kind of makes me think I was watching. Legally Blonde with my teenager and 356 00:50:33.660 --> 00:50:49.710 Stacey Luster: She was the cool she was with the cool group and it kind of makes me think of, you know, if you're down with Jesus you're with the cool group, you could have been no matter what you were before. Now all of a sudden, you look like you are all that because you are walking with the Lord. So 357 00:50:50.130 --> 00:50:51.510 Stacey Luster: What a great privilege we have 358 00:50:52.200 --> 00:51:01.020 Carrington Moore: And then this is a space that after that's a great point to end at a free advice for sister Ashley Morgan to the space that will leave you with two guick points. 359 00:51:02.130 --> 00:51:12.120 Carrington Moore: One. I love this metaphor. Jesus is am I understanding of the client again. He said, I am a couple times throughout the text. He says, I am 360 00:51:12.750 --> 00:51:21.540 Carrington Moore: The Good Shepherd is referred to himself as I am that speaks to the ears of the Hebrew people at this time speaking to 361 00:51:21.930 --> 00:51:31.200 Carrington Moore: The Book of Exodus when Jesus says when God says I am who I am. So he's making a declarative statement that he is God. It's the last time they actually says it in the text in 362 00:51:31.770 --> 00:51:46.170

Carrington Moore: john chapter 15 and then he makes this beautiful metaphor around the venue. Right. But he says, I am the vine is my father is the gardener, you are the branches and you if you love me and abide in Me, you should bear fruit. 363 00:51:47.130 --> 00:52:00.150 Carrington Moore: One. This is a beautiful text because it's talking about grapes. Right. We all we all, I'm not sure what of our first miracle don't see Jesus doing, is it turns water into wine. I know in the midst of coven 19. Some of us have been wishing for some water. 364 00:52:00.180 --> 00:52:08.190 Carrington Moore: Return in a while. A couple times don't have so much but that's neither here nor there. That's a bad joke. Everybody come back to me. Amen. Jesus 365 00:52:09.390 --> 00:52:09.600 Carrington Moore: Is 366 00:52:11.370 --> 00:52:27.090 Carrington Moore: In order in order to bear fruit. The branch has to be connected to the vine either say, actually you can do nothing disconnected from me. So if you are my friend. 367 $00:52:27.660 \rightarrow 00:52:40.680$ Carrington Moore: You have to keep my commandments and brothers and sisters, I want to say one thing. If God is the gardener. That means that God has already after the Holy Ghost. Now he's already created the right conditions for your life. 368 $00:52:40.860 \longrightarrow 00:52:41.970$ Carrington Moore: For you to bear fruit. 369 00:52:42.270 --> 00:52:53.670 Carrington Moore: Me. Say that one more time. We're growing we're growing grapes. It was really important for them to be the right weather and the right conditions in order for fruit. 370 00:52:54.540 --> 00:53:08.220 Carrington Moore: To be born in many ways the gardener God the Father

Larrington Moore: To be born in many ways the gardener God the Father has already taken care of that. Meaning that God has set your life up in such a way that she already have the right condition made available to you. 371 00:53:09.030 --> 00:53:23.730 Carrington Moore: To grow fruit and to bear fruit. But here's the kicker. You are connected to God. And if you're connected to God, obey God's commandments, your life will bear fruit. That's the one too. 372 00:53:24.870 --> 00:53:29.340 Carrington Moore: I love this point simply Jesus says you are friend of mine. 373 00:53:30.630 --> 00:53:31.080 Carrington Moore: Now, 374 00:53:32.970 --> 00:53:34.260 Carrington Moore: That my suit or a friend of 375 00:53:34.260 --> 00:53:36.420 Carrington Moore: God we sing the song all the time is beautiful. 376 00:53:37.320 --> 00:53:41.010 Carrington Moore: But I think that's a really profound I think statement. 377 00:53:42.060 --> 00:53:46.500 Carrington Moore: Because he is my thinking. I actually asked this question to the young people on Sunday. 378 $00:53:47.130 \longrightarrow 00:53:48.600$ Carrington Moore: And this is for something to think about. 379 00:53:52.410 --> 00:53:53.250 Carrington Moore: Friendships 380 00:53:55.170 --> 00:54:00.240 Carrington Moore: Me and my understanding that both parties are benefiting from the friendship. 381 00:54:02.730 --> 00:54:13.140

Carrington Moore: There was some talk benefit we might be always the same. What it is some our friendships about what the exam because you get a lot. You might have been receiving a lot, but for the most part, your friendships. 382 00:54:13.860 --> 00:54:20.730 Carrington Moore: You are benefiting from the friendship and your friend has been suffering from the friendship, the question would ask ourselves. 383 00:54:21.930 --> 00:54:31.140 Carrington Moore: Is why does God want to be friends with us and then to how wasn't God, benefiting from being a friend of mine. 384 00:54:32.250 --> 00:54:33.480 Carrington Moore: We know how we benefit. 385 00:54:34.020 --> 00:54:44.880 Carrington Moore: And how was God benefiting from that. So the question I asked you all in the in the email is one of the benefits of being your friend. So the homework for your 386 00:54:45.390 --> 00:54:55.440 Carrington Moore: Glory comes into the call the whole for you. All I want you to ask yourself what is going to raise our thoughts about who we are. How is gone. 387 00:54:55.920 --> 00:54:59.790 Carrington Moore: And how are people benefiting for being your friend. 388 00:55:02.040 --> 00:55:11.700 Carrington Moore: Do some introspection. The I want you to do that over the week. How are people benefiting from your friendship and how has God benefiting from our friendship and you'll 389 00:55:11.820 --> 00:55:19.050 Carrington Moore: agree with that. That's fine. You think like God doesn't have any benefit of being friends with us. That's okay. I get that. That's fine. But I actually believe 390 00:55:20.310 --> 00:55:25.770

Carrington Moore: That there was a benefit and that's being friends with God. But also, I'm a push ourselves. 391 00:55:26.010 --> 00:55:28.800 Carrington Moore: Because I have, I have a high Christology, I believe that Jesus is 392 00:55:28.830 --> 00:55:34.350 Carrington Moore: God that Jesus made the heavens and the earth that Jesus is coming back. I believe all that but also believe that I made the image of 393 00:55:34.350 --> 00:55:39.450 Carrington Moore: God, so I have a high sense of so I do believe in God and God wants to be 394 00:55:39.450 --> 00:55:42.900 Carrington Moore: Friends with me. That means that I am benefiting from 395 00:55:42.900 --> 00:55:43.590 Suzanne Ricco: That friendship. 396 00:55:43.830 --> 00:55:53.940 Carrington Moore: And there's something that God is invested in. That means that God's benefiting to those are my thoughts for the day. And next week we're going to do part two, a friendship, where we talking about 397 00:55:54.840 - > 00:55:59.010Carrington Moore: How do we grow and community with each other in the midst of code 19 398 00:55:59.670 --> 00:56:06.570 Carrington Moore: We're going to be doing that next week and a half, maybe a special quest, or two to kind of top of us will have a similar format so invite your friends as well. 399 00:56:07.200 --> 00:56:15.270 Carrington Moore: We're gonna be talking with a learn from each other, give the final word to pass it loria. Great job, you all in terms of

investigated that scriptures another job. 400 00:56:16.410 --> 00:56:24.480 Gloria White-Hammond: Yeah, thank you so much. Pastor Carrington, and I agree with that. He did a great job. I certainly enjoyed my small group and I feel so much 401 00:56:25.320 --> 00:56:40.560 Gloria White-Hammond: Lighter editor and my experience and I thank you for choosing this text and john 15 distance just an iconic text and so many different things to draw from it and the piece that always strikes me 402 00:56:41.190 --> 00:56:46.920 Gloria White-Hammond: There's always something different that that piece of them, especially focused on, especially in the context of 403 00:56:47.760 --> 00:57:03.150 Gloria White-Hammond: And very toxic polarization and I'm thinking to where do we go from here is I'm just how often, how much this text talks about love. And then in Jesus, in verse nine says that God loves me. 404 00:57:04.170 --> 00:57:16.260 Gloria White-Hammond: And the reason I didn't love you, is because God loves me and evidence of your that you that you love this that you love one another. 405 00:57:16.800 --> 00:57:38.160 Gloria White-Hammond: And so he that is continues to ring for and as, as I've heard people say, I don't know if I can talk to them, people. And believe me, I know how hard it is to talk to them, people, but somehow we've got to figure out how to do that because the real evidence that we love God. 406 00:57:39.300 - > 00:57:48.300Gloria White-Hammond: Is that we love one another. That's the hard work right that's it's easy to say that's easy to sing about it is easy to shout about it. 407 00:57:48.810 --> 00:57:59.940 Gloria White-Hammond: And it is really hard to do it. So I'm working

on that this week and pray for me as I continue to think about how to work on that this week. 408 00:58:00.480 --> 00:58:08.670 Gloria White-Hammond: So thank you so much. Pastor Carrington, and I'm going to not ask you to stay. But if, during the as you all may know that next Tuesday. 409 00:58:09.090 --> 00:58:19.830 Gloria White-Hammond: And this Walker and I will be involved in a conversation with Anthony voucher. And we certainly be great to have a sense of what your questions are obviously the will have 410 00:58:20.280 --> 00:58:27.990 Gloria White-Hammond: A lot of conference is only half an hour yeah and and believe me it is going to be just a half an hour. He's, he's probably got about 10 other things laid out. 411 00:58:28.350 --> 00:58:32.970 Gloria White-Hammond: To another conversation and country, but I really be curious to know what your questions are 412 00:58:33.300 --> 00:58:41.760 Gloria White-Hammond: And the, the real question that we want to talk about is obviously the details of the vaccine. But really, how do we go forward from here as a 413 00:58:42.120 --> 00:58:49.470 Gloria White-Hammond: As a nation, as a community, and we're particularly interested in and the African American community and so 414 00:58:49.800 --> 00:58:54.120 Gloria White-Hammond: Please direct your questions, comments, to me, and I'll be delighted to direct them to him. 415 00:58:54.480 --> 00:59:03.450 Gloria White-Hammond: Thank you again pastor Carrington thanks all 2221 of you all 22 of us who've come tonight and for the rich conversation that we've had. 416 00:59:03.810 --> 00:59:20.940

Gloria White-Hammond: And I'll close us in prayer pastor guarantee that it's going to move forward this opportunity to gather again and just how much we've grown on these Wednesday nights that just the insights that we played the fellowship that we've experienced guide the sense of 417 00:59:21.990 --> 00:59:38.190 Gloria White-Hammond: Community has just been so wonderful and I paid out into this information with just that it was the unsettling enough that throughout the weaknesses found ourselves coming back to it. Am I really 418 00:59:38.700 --> 00:59:52.920 Gloria White-Hammond: Giving, am I being fruitful i'm i'm really carrying myself like a real branch, am I showing love. What does it mean to have God Coleman friend. I mean, wow, how deep is dad. 419 00:59:53.430 --> 01:00:10.950 Gloria White-Hammond: And he likes me. He likes me. I'm his friend, what does that mean God and how do we make evidence of that friendship in our day to day lives even over soon God and the command that we love one another. God give us 420 01:00:12.090 --> 01:00:23.130 Gloria White-Hammond: All throughout this week. Help us to see the ways in which we we are making through giving evidence of I love and the ways in which we are not 421 01:00:25.740 --> 01:00:39.720 Gloria White-Hammond: Yet done and will continue to chew on this throughout the week. Bless pastor Carrington, and every individual who's on it. We look forward to gathering again next Wednesday and your son's name Amen 422 01:00:40.230 --> 01:00:40.680 Carrington Moore: Amen. 423 01:00:40.950 --> 01:00:42.480 Gloria White-Hammond: Well, so much please again. 424 01:00:43.500 --> 01:00:54.270 Gloria White-Hammond: Those comments and please also feel free to

reach out to your pastor may with whatever situation you are medicine know how we can support you with me so much. 425 01:00:54.840 --> 01:00:55.230 That much 426 01:00:56.610 --> 01:00:57.420 Felicia Wiltz: Thank you. 427 01:00:57.540 --> 01:00:58.560 Carole Copeland Thomas: Have a blessed night. 428 01:00:58.890 --> 01:00:59.280 Bye. 429 01:01:00.570 --> 01:01:00.870 TANYA MILLER: Good night.