

June 24, 2012

**Teaching Outline  
Becoming Like Jesus**

**Week 4**

**John 15:5-17 (NLT)** 5“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. 6Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. 7But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want and it will be granted! 8When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father. 9“I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. 10When you obey my commandments you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. 11I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! 12This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. 13There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. 14You are my friends if you do what I command. 15I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn’t confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father has told me. 16You didn’t choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. 17This is my command: Love each other.

**Without \_\_\_\_\_ we are sunk.**  
“Apart from me you can do nothing”

**With God we ask for \_\_\_\_\_.**

“if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted.”

**We have been \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

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**Prayer Focus**

- For the Holy Spirit to empower us so that our changed lives will lead others to surrender to Jesus Christ
- For opportunities to build relationships with those outside of God's family
- For receptivity to the gospel in this neighborhood and community.
- For growth momentum that brings glory to God
- For the means to launch a Spanish ministry in our neighborhood.
- For clarity on God's timing to launch a new church.
- For the finances to fix our building and parsonage.
- For peace that God will supply all our needs.