

Sermon Notes:

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

John 15:12-15 Proverbs 18:24

An old favorite song is "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." He is indeed the best friend we could ever have. Here are some standards for self-examination to determining whether or not we are friends of Jesus.

- I. FRIENDS LIKE TO _____
 - A. Matthew 18:20
 - 1. When the church meets, Jesus is there.
 - 2. If I am Jesus' friend I _____.
 - 3. Am I as much a friend at 9:30 as I am at 10:20 on Sunday mornings? And what about 6:00 Sunday evening and 7:00 Wednesday evening?
 - 4. If I knew Jesus would be physically and visibly present, would I be there? His presence is no less real!
 - B. Hebrews 10:24-26 – I am not to _____.
- II. FRIENDS LIKE TO _____
 - A. Matthew 10:32, 33
 - 1. It is natural to talk of our friends and their accomplishments to others.
 - 2. Jesus is a friend who can do more than any other. In Him is _____!
 - 3. I don't have to be apologetic about this friend.
 - B. Mark 8:38 – I dare not be _____ of Jesus, my friend.
- III. FRIENDS LIKE TO _____
 - A. John 13:1-17 – Jesus served His apostles.
 - 1. It's a joy to help our friends.
 - 2. Is it a pleasure to serve Jesus?
 - 3. Am I an excuse maker or an opportunity seeker?
 - B. John 15:13 – Jesus gave the greatest service; He _____.
- IV. FRIENDS DON'T LIKE TO _____
 - A. Luke 22:54-62
 - 1. We don't do things to make our friends unhappy.
 - 2. Nothing makes Jesus unhappier than _____.
 - B. John 15:14 – We are His friends if we _____.

How good a friend are you? Jesus died to be our friend. He wants us to be where He is. He wants to speak well of us to His Father. He served us. He wants to serve us still. Will you be His friend and serve Him.