**Campus Lutheran Church**

**Senior High Sunday School**

**November 15, 2015**

**Warm Ups**

Quote of the Day,

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! Ecclesiastes 5:11

Review prayer journal

Prayer requests & prayers

Compile a list of their favorite bible passages (just verse references) from the past week.

God sightings this week

Other Issues

Questions from last class

**Topic: True Friends**

Source: Content based heavily on the “Serendipity Bible” New International Version

Read Mark 2: 1-12.

Opening questions:

* When was the last time you had to go to the emergency room?
* What was the sickest you ever were as a child?

1. If you were one of the paralytic’s friends and saw the crowds, what would have done?
2. How would you feel if you were the paralytic when your friends decided to help you “drop in on Jesus” literally?
3. What quality do the four men possess that impresses you the most?
   1. Faith
   2. Ingenuity
   3. Concern for their friend
   4. Determination
   5. Boldness
4. What characteristic do you value most in a friend?
   1. Loyalty
   2. Good humor
   3. Compassion
   4. Honesty
   5. Understanding
   6. Strong faith
   7. Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Relate a time a friend really helped you when you were in need.
6. If you had friends who would take you to Jesus for healing today, what kind of healing would you ask for?
   1. Physical
   2. Spiritual
   3. Emotional
   4. Relational
   5. Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. What event in your life has brought you closest to God?

Read John 15: 1-17

Opening questions

* If you were a plant, what type of plant would best describe you? (for example, a towering oak, weeping willow, tumbleweed, crab apple tree, cactus, etc.)

1. If vine branches were human lives, what pain would be associated with pruning? What tools? What fruit?
2. Jesus repeats remain in me, love and bear fruit. How are these words related? What is “fruit that will last”
3. How do versus 9 and 12 tie together? How is love the essential dynamic of the Christian life? How does your relationship with Jesus change once you start practicing his example of love?
4. What is the link between obedience and prayer?
5. As a branch on Christ’s vine, how would you describe the fruit in your life: Grade A-1?, Juicy?, Green?, Wormy? Why?
6. Specifically, how would you rate yourself on laying down your life for your friends?
7. Do you feel more like Jesus’ servant or his friend? What helps develop the friendship?

**Application**

Discuss at least three ways this topic applies to your life.  
Is there anything in this topic that would motivate a change in your behavior?  
Does this topic seem out of touch with the world?

**Bible reading assignments for Nov 22: Mark 14: 32-42, Romans 12: 9-21**