

# JESUS

## Small group notes - Week 5

### Welcome

Welcome & snacks

Share back stories from last week's Kingdom Assignments

### Worship

Start by spending some time in worship together. If you have someone who can play a guitar or another instrument, ask if they will lead your group in some live worship or choose a couple songs to help lead people into God's presence. Otherwise we have compiled a couple of playlists with a range of songs for you to use during worship and ministry.

[Simply Jesus Spotify playlist](#)

[Simply Jesus Youtube playlist](#)



#### Video - Part 1



**Discussion Questions** (you may find it helpful to break group into 3-4s)

### Take a look at John 15. Perhaps read verses 9-17 and have a think about these questions:

- If we were just servants, what might our relationship with God be like?
- What difference does being a friend of God make?
- What difference should the knowledge that we're called friends make in our relationship with God?



#### Video - Part 2



**Discussion Questions** (you may find it helpful to break group into 3-4s)

- What are some of the challenges of welcoming those who are different to us?
- How might we get over these challenges?
- In our relational circles, do we have people that would otherwise be lonely?



#### Video - Part 3



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## Kingdom Assignments

### Think about what it means to carry this into our world...

Each week there will be "Kingdom assignments", simply some practical ideas to put what we're thinking about into practice. There are 3 ideas of increasing risk. Encourage people to take a risk and stretch beyond where they are comfortable - we grow when we're stretched, not when we're in our comfort zones!

- 1) **Start with:** Pray each day for the mums (& dads!) in your community, and for those who care for children, e.g. teachers
- 2) **Bit riskier:** Give a gift or do something special for a mum you know (increase the risk by choosing a mum that doesn't know Jesus yet!)
- 3) **Riskier still:** Offer to babysit for someone to enable them to do something they can't normally do, e.g. go out with their partner.

Talk in groups about what you might do. Check in next week. Give it a go, see what Jesus does!

### Prayer ministry

Pray for each other, that we'd look for and take opportunities to reach out to those who are lonely in our communities. Perhaps there are people in your group who are feeling disconnected at the moment? Think about what you can practically do for each other.

Pray for courage with the Kingdom assignments

### Next week

Encourage your group to to make it along to a Sunday service (9.30, 11.15 or 6.30) for the next talk and to come back next week.