

## St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

*EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2024! Leading to Worship Sunday, May 5, 2024*

### **Reading: John 15:9-17**

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! EBC also has a video component on the St. John's website and St. John's You Tube channel. This week's video is live from Minneapolis, thinking about what it would take for us to convince Jesus to choose us! Click here:

<https://youtu.be/243FCZZu0n4> Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

### **Three Points**

- In the second part of John 15, Jesus assures his disciples that he is telling them these things so that Jesus' joy may fill his disciples, and their joy may be complete.
- Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment – to love one another as Jesus loves us. Jesus also emphasizes that we are no longer to be considered servants. Jesus has told us God's plans, and we are his friends.
- Jesus also tells us "You did not choose me, but I chose you." (John 15:16) He has appointed us to bear fruit that will last!

### **Two Questions**

- The words are so easy to say, but consider for a moment: do you really picture yourself as more of a "servant" or more of a "friend" to Jesus? What parts of your relationship with Jesus can you emphasize to live Jesus' assurance that we are his friends?
- When Jesus says he has chosen us, and that we are "appointed" to bear fruit, do you hear responsibility, or opportunity? Both? Does it help to remember that Jesus right there with us?

### **Action Step**

- Seize a moment this week to bear fruit for Jesus, with joy! We are all chosen for Team Jesus!

*Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?*

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!