

ANNOUNCE

Take a moment to read through the announcements below as a group. Encourage group members to share the information with others throughout the week.

- **Easter is this Sunday!** This a perfect opportunity to invite people to church who do not normally attend. Also, we would love for you to join us as we ensure that everyone who walks through the doors feels welcomed and at home. There are many ways to be part of this exciting day, to sign-up to help visit mgchurch.org/easter.
- **Senior Blessing** - Our annual event for graduating seniors will take place on May 5th. For more information or to register you student visit mgchurch.org/seniorblessing.
- We will be hosting a **Family Mission Weekend** at Camp Allendale on May, 17-18. This is an awesome opportunity to unplug and serve together as a family. For more information or to register visit mgchurch.org/familymission.

DISCUSS

Use the prompts below to inspire and encourage discussion with one another.

- Have you ever been criticized as a result of your Christian faith, or for the way you live your life? What was that experience like? How did you respond?
- **Read John 15:1- 27.** What are your initial observations about this text? What do we learn about Jesus in this section? What do we learn about humanity?
- Look back at verses 1-17, are there repeated phrases or ideas within this text? Do you find anything especially impactful? How might your life look differently if you really applied the teaching of this text?
- Reread verses 18-26. Why do you think the author of this text placed this section right after the one we just read? In light of the connection of these texts, what behaviors or way of life can we expect to draw resentment from the world?
- Have you ever considered that we are called to live our lives in such a way that our closeness to God and obedience to his commands, along with our unyielding love for others should be so evident that we can be easily identified in the world or possibly even ostracized? What of the areas above areas might you need to focus on more in order for God's presence to be more evident in your life?

PRAY

Take a few moments to pray through the prompts below. Encourage a different person to pray for each item.

- Pray for your group members, that they would abide in God.
- Pray for Mt. Gilead, that as a church we would love one another with such radical love that it would be visible to the community.
- Pray for the lost in our community, that their hearts would be turned towards God.