

PARKWAY BAPTIST CHURCH
BIBLE STUDY – February 14, 2007

Topic: Contemplating the Legacy and Continuing the Dream- The Priority of Freedom

Passage: St. John 15: 9-17

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INTRODUCTION

- a) What is the purpose of freedom?
- b) Is it to enable you to pursue that which makes you happy and fulfilled?
- c) In this passage Jesus was calling upon His disciples to use their freedom to guard love, give love and give way to love.

INVESTIGATION

Jesus' Love Wishes

- (A) vv9-11 Complete Joy or Fulfillment
- ✦ 9a – Love's Pattern – Sovereign Lord & Son
 - ✦ 9b-10 - Love's Nurture – Submission to Word
 - ✦ 11 - Love's Aim – Satisfaction
- (B) vv12-15 Closely Joined or Friendship
- ✦ 12-13 - Love's Greatest - Sacrifice
 - ✦ 14 - Love's Proof - Obedience
 - ✦ 15 - Love's Posture – Communication
- (C) vv16-17 Communication through Jesus' Name or The Father's Favor
- ✦ 16a - Love's Initiative – Choice
 - ✦ 16b - Love's Intention – Lasting Fruit
 - ✦ 17 - Love's Insistence – Community

IMPLICATION

See the importance of using our Freedom to:

- a) Stay in Christ's Love
- b) Share Christ's Love
- c) Be Supplied through Christ's Love

INTEGRATION

- a) How adequate is your program to maintain your love for Christ? Explain.
- b) How difficult is it for you to share Christ's love?
- c) What challenges you have with seeing your needs met through Christ?

INTERCESSION

- a) In terms of love and freedom, what is your greatest need now?
- b) Pray for each other according to what was shared.