



## **Bread for the World 24/04/24**

### **Opening Prayer ....**

As the Spirit leads...

### **John 15.9-17**

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

### **Wonderings:**

- Tell about an experience of abiding friendship.
- I wonder what you would add to friendship as abiding, trust, intimacy and sacrifice.
- I wonder which of these features of friendship most resonate with how you understand God.
- I wonder which of these features you wish for more of with God.

### **Closing Prayer**

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