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- God is seeking a \_\_\_\_\_ with you.

<sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

<sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command.

<sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>17</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

<sup>17</sup> This is my command: Love each other. John 15:12-17

## Friends of God . . .

### 1. Keep His \_\_\_\_\_.

*You are my friends if you do what I command.* John 15:14

### 2. They \_\_\_\_\_ one another through \_\_\_\_\_.

*Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.* John 15:13

### 3. They are in on the \_\_\_\_\_.

*I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.* John 15:15

### 4. They \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

<sup>4</sup> Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup> "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:4-5

#### Next Steps – Connected 3-D, Week 3:

- ☐ Invite a friend or neighbor to the Grand Opening/Dedication of the Story Ward Children's Center on September 18.
- ☐ Thank God for your work and for His gift of the Sabbath.
- ☐ Sponsor a Nimitz football player for the 2016 season.
- ☐ Pick up some great family resources at the HomeView Center.