

### Taking it Home:

- Some people may be upset with the truth's presented today, those who may disagree with the idea of God's divine foreknowledge, predestination, calling, and choosing of His children (adoption into His family). This week pray for the understanding of these passages.
  - What is God revealing to your heart after careful study and prayerful understanding?
- Do some personal research this week on the subject of "choosing," "chosen," "predestination," And "calling." Look up and interpret: Acts 13:48; Romans 9:11-12; Romans 9:16; 1 Cor. 1:9; 1:23-24; Ephesians 1:4-5; Ephesians 2:10; 2 Thess. 2:23-24; 2 Timothy 1:9; 1 Peter 1:1-2; and Revelation 13:8.
- What did Pastor Matthew say were the benefits of "resting on God's Sovereignty?" What does it mean to rest on God's Sovereignty? Are you? Why or why not?

Be the Master's Friend  
The Friend Who is Chosen  
John 15:16

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### The Friend Who is Chosen

Jesus makes it clear that relationship with Him comes not of our choosing but by His gracious appointment.

Notes:

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# Growth Group Homework

For the week of March 14, 2010

John 15:16

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**Quick Review:** It is very clear in John's Scriptures that Christ is always portrayed as the seeking Savior. Jesus' initiative made redemption possible, and it is through His initiative that individuals are pursued and rescued.

## My Story

- What's your story? Re-live the moment's before you surrendered your life to Jesus Christ? What was happening in your life that caused you to realize you desperately needed Jesus?
- Did you clearly see God's infinite, divine hand moving in your life that wooed you to salvation? Discuss.
- Did Pastor Matthew's message today clarify, challenge, or confuse you? Discuss.

## Growing Deeper

- In verse 16, Jesus tells His disciples, "*You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you.*" According to Pastor Matthew, what does the word "choose" and "chosen" mean in this Biblical context?
  - Choose – Greek: Eklektos – "the Elect; to choose; chosen ones"
  - READ Ephesians 1:4-5. Interpret these passages in light of Pastor Matthew's interpretation of "Choose," "chosen" & "predestined" by God.
- In Romans 8:28-30, Pastor Matthew used these key Scriptural passages to validate the understanding of God's "*choosing of His children*" through a series of KEY words. READ Romans 8:28-30 and define the KEY words that Pastor Matthew gave us definitions:
  - Foreknowledge – Greek: proginosko – "to ordain beforehand"
  - Predestined –
  - Called (effectual calling) –
  - Justified –
  - Glorified –
- Pastor Matthew Quote: "Salvation is based on the Work of Christ, not on our faith." What did Pastor Matthew mean by that statement?
- In God's eyes, are believer's seen as already positionally glorified, or will believer's become glorified once they're in heaven (glorified body)? What did Pastor Matthew say about this reality in his message?