

Life Group Homework

JOHN 14:15-31 – Jesus Sends the Coming Comforter

Getting Started:

1. If you were one of the original disciples of Jesus and you had to let Him go, what would you miss the most once He ascended to the Father?

2. Once He was gone, what sort of thoughts and questions would you likely struggle with?

Digging In:

1. Why would loving Jesus result in keeping His commandments? Can we keep His commandments and not love Him?

2. In what way is the Holy Spirit ‘another’ helper? [Note: the word translated helper is literally ‘one who is called alongside’.]

3. Why does Jesus refer to the Holy Spirit as ‘*the Spirit of truth*’ and why is the world unable to either see or know Him?

4. In what way was the Spirit abiding or dwelling WITH the disciples and how does that differ from Him dwelling IN the disciples?

5. Is verse 21 saying that we have to keep His commandments in order to be loved by the Father? [Consider what it means to 'have' His commandments, remember also the concept in John of being born of God (*John 1:12-13* and *John 3:3, 8*). You can also look up *1 Corinthians 2:12-14* to help your discussion.

6. What does Jesus mean when he says in verse 27 that he will not give "as the world gives"? How does the world give and how does Christ give differently?

7. Why would the disciples have rejoiced that Jesus was going home to the Father? Wouldn't their love want Him to stay?

8. Most of us know that the cross shows us that Jesus loves us, but how does it show that Jesus loves the Father? What does that tell us about the Father's love for us?

9. Overall, how would the promise of the coming Holy Spirit comfort you if you were a disciple?

Living It Out:

1. In what way has the Holy Spirit acted as a comforter or encourager in your life; one who comes along side you and gives you strength?

2. What are the ways we neglect to depend on the Holy Spirit in our daily lives and fail to seek His comfort and encouragement?