

LIFE GROUP notes

18 December

Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Gospel of John – week 30



Let's hear your story

1. Tell of a time when you had to explain to a friend or family member who the Person of the Holy Spirit is, and His work in and through a believer?
2. What should be our motivation for obeying Jesus' commandments according to v.15? (**Love. Jesus said, "if you love Me, keep My commandments."**).
3. To whom will Jesus pray to give us another Helper according to v.16? (**God, the Father. Jesus said; "I will pray the Father and He will give you..."**).
4. What is one of the Names of the Holy Spirit according to v.17? (**The Spirit of truth.**).



Let's go deeper

5. What promise did Jesus give us in v.18? (**Jesus said; "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."**).
6. What question did Judas (not Iscariot) ask Jesus in v.22? (**Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?"**).
7. What two things will the Holy Spirit help believers with, in v.26? (**Holy Spirit will teach us all things, and remind us of Jesus' words.**).
8. Where did Jesus say He is going according to v.28? (**Jesus said; "I am going to Father."**).



Let's apply this

9. John 14:16; Jesus said; "and I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper (Parakletos), that He may abide with you forever – the Spirit of truth..."

Jesus said, the Holy Spirit will be our Helper... As the Holy Spirit helped Jesus, He wants to help every born-again believer.

- Do you need comfort, counsel, an advocate, or a helper?
- Allow the Holy Spirit to teach and instruct you this week, and remind you of Jesus' words and works.

SUMMARY:

Gospel of John: Week 30 (Jesus promise the Holy Spirit).

Read: John 14:15 – 31.

v.15; The order of Jesus' words are important here; love produces obedience. Have you ever heard that obedience produces love? You can work hard, you can do everything that you are told to do, and that will not produce in you love for God. Love for God, is the greatest motivator. Love will cause you to do things that obedience and duty will not. How can I love God? How can I obey God? How can I do the will and works of Jesus? How can I glorify the Father?

v.16 – 17; Jesus says; "I will give you the Holy Spirit." **Paraklētōs meaning:**

"Comforter" (KJV); "Counsellor" (NIV); "Advocate" (NRSV); "Helper" (ESV)

Paraklētōs definition: "Called to the side of," for the purpose of helping. Holy Spirit is a Person; "He" and not a force or thing. Jesus says, "I am going to give you the Holy Spirit – the Spirit of Truth. He will give you love. Love to share with each other.

v.18 – 21; Jesus says; "I will give you the Holy Spirit. And I will place the Holy Spirit in you so you will not be orphans. You will not be left alone. The Spirit will come. He will dwell in you. He will convict you. He will lead you. He will guide you. He will give you gifts. He will enable you. He will encourage you."

v.22; This is a great question. How is Jesus going to change the whole planet, and impact all the nations of the earth? He is going to love 11 guys over dinner.

v.23; Jesus says; "...we will come to him and make **our home** with him."

Jesus says, "The Father comes and He is with you." So, God the Father, and God the Son are with you. God the Spirit is in you. What is home; a place or a relationship?

v.24 – 31; Judas' question, "Jesus how are you going to change the whole world by having dinner and loving and giving a great instruction to 11 guys?" Jesus says, "The Holy Spirit, He will come with power, He will encourage you, He will bring you peace, He will take away your fear, He will give you gifts, He will give you love, He will bring everything to remembrance, He will give you the words to say; do not worry about a thing. Just love Me, live your life, impact the world, and the Spirit of God is in you and His power will work through you.

Did Jesus change the world by telling this to 11 guys over dinner in a closed room?

Yes, think about it, 2,000 years later, here we sit. How in the world did John 14 get from that conversation, over dinner, to us? The powerful work of the Holy Spirit.

What is the plan? What is the strategy?

The Holy Spirit will teach you to love God, and love His people, the Spirit of truth.