

John 14 - 16

Holy Spirit



The Text – John 14-16

1. Read John 13:31 - 14:8. What do you think Jesus means when he says that he is going away?
2. How do the disciples feel about this? How would you be feeling?
3. In John 14:16, Jesus promises “another advocate”. This word can also mean helper, or encourager or counsellor. How is the Holy Spirit a helper/encourager/comforter?
4. What is the significance of Jesus using the word, “another”?
5. Read John 14:20-24. What do these verses tell us about the relationship between the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit?
6. What do these verses tell us about our relationship with the triune God?
7. Read John 15:1-11. Who is the vine, the vinedresser and the branches? How are we connected to the vine?
8. In John 15:5-6, Jesus speaks of “remaining” in the vine or “abiding”. How might one abide in Jesus? Is abiding in Jesus dependent on our effort? How do you know?
9. Scan through these chapters and discuss all of the things that Jesus says the Holy Spirit will do.

The Scriptures – John 14-16 as a portion of the Scriptures

10. Read Joel 2:28-32. How do Jesus’ words relate to the promise in Joel?
11. Read Leviticus 26:11-13 and Exodus 40:34-38. What do we learn about God’s desires and actions in these verses? In what ways is the Holy Spirit different and similar to the tabernacle?

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to John 14-16 as a portion of the Scriptures

12. In what sense has the western world ‘disenchanted’ the world through rational thinking? In what ways is this helpful? In what ways is it troubling?
13. What is the Holy Spirit doing in the life of God’s people and our church today?
14. How might you respond if someone was to say to you that they feel as if God is a long way away?
15. How do Jesus’ words comfort you? How does the Holy Spirit comfort us?