



Growth Group Discussion Guide

Passage: John 14:15-26

Introduction: In this passage Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem where he will be crucified. In order to prepare his disciples for what is about to take place and their life without his physical presence, Jesus teaches them about the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Ultimately, this passage teaches us about the clearest signs of those who love and follow Jesus.



Into the Word

Consider verses 15, 21, 23, and 24. What does Jesus say is the evidence of our love for him? Why is obedience a requirement of love?

Note: Christian love is *covenantal*; characterized by allegiance, affection, and action.

Consider verses 16, 17, and 26. How does Jesus describe the Holy Spirit in this passage? How does the Holy Spirit help believers?

Note: The greek word for “Helper” literally means “one who comes alongside”. In the first century it meant a lawyer sent to aid a family.

Central to John’s Gospel is the contrast between the way of Jesus and the way of the World. **Consider verses 16-22.** How does Jesus contrast his disciples and the world?



Into the Heart

In verse 18 Jesus promises that he would not leave his disciples as orphans. How can we live as if we are spiritual orphans?

How will a deeper sense of God’s love for you and your adoption through Christ shape your experience of God’s commands?

Compare: Romans 8:14-15.



Into the World

What in your life is competing for the allegiance or affection that Jesus requires of you? What does repentance look like in this case?

If Christian maturity is characterized by deeper reliance on the Holy Spirit and a greater love for Jesus. What will maturity in Christian community look like? How can we pursue this kind of community?

Consider: Matthew 11:28