

# missional community

## guide

# The Way of Jesus

JOHN 14:15-31; 16:4-15

Use this guide to help structure your time together. All of these parts are equally valuable for the health and growth of a Missional Community. The examples given below are meant to be a starting point for your time together.

## Fellowship

**Take time to fellowship with each other.**

- How did you follow the way of Jesus this week?
- How did placing your confidence in Jesus help with your worry?

## Prayer

**Take time to pray together as a Missional Community incorporating the passage into your corporate prayer.**

**Adore God for who He is:**

- God gives us the Counselor, the Holy Spirit
- God makes His home with us (Jn 14:23)
- Jesus was obedient to the will of the Father

**Confess the ways that you have not been faithful to God:**

- When we disregard the Counselor, the Holy Spirit?

**Thank God for what He has done:**

- God has provided for us a counselor, the Holy Spirit

**Supplication - Pray for those in your MC and outside of your MC:**

- Kingdom: That the world will know the Holy Spirit
- Others: That the Holy Spirit would be a regular part of those around me
- Self: That I would value the Holy Spirit

# Passage

**Process through the passage together.**

## **What does the text say?**

Before you jump into discussion, make sure that everyone has a good understanding of the passage. Read the passage again and then work together to retell the passage without reading it.

## **Background info about the author, audience, style, etc. that may be of help.**

- Jesus continues telling His disciples of the things to come, during the “Last Supper” narrative. Thus far, Jesus has washed the disciples’ feet, clarified the importance of us being washed by Jesus, and discussed the uniqueness of Him being the way, the truth and the life, and that no one comes to the Father except through the Son.
- Today’s focus is that Jesus mentions the coming “Counselor”, the “Spirit of truth” (14:16-17).
- How can you be sure that you love Jesus? Jesus tells us that, “If you love me, you will obey what I command” (14:15, see also 14:21, 23)
- With the reality of Jesus “going away”, a benefit of that is that the Father will send the “Counselor”, the Holy Spirit. What are some of the things that the Holy Spirit does? The Holy Spirit is the “Counselor”. The Holy Spirit will “...teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you” (Jn 14:26). The Holy Spirit will “...convict the world of guilt in regards to sin and righteousness and judgment” (Jn 16:8-9). The Holy Spirit will guide us into “...all truth” (Jn 16:13). Just like Jesus, the Holy Spirit will speak only what He hears from the Father and the Holy Spirit will speak of things yet to come, and the Holy Spirit will take from what belongs to Jesus and make it known to us (Jn 16:13-15).

## **What do we learn about God from this text?**

Have members input what the Holy Spirit has revealed to them about who God is from this text.

- The Father gives us the Counselor, the Holy Spirit

## **What do we learn about man from this text?**

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- The “world” cannot accept the Holy Spirit because it does not see Him or know Him. But Christians do know the Holy Spirit because He lives with us and will be in us.

## **What is there that we can obey from this text?**

- Obeying what Jesus commands is how we show that we love Jesus/God. Loving God should affect our actions and character.

## **Are there commands that still apply to disciples today? If so, what?**

- Yes. This still applies to disciples today.

## **Other passages in Scripture with similar themes or principles:**

These are passages that could be helpful to draw from for further informing today’s text.

- Acts 1:8
- Isaiah 11:2
- John 3:6-8
- Romans 8:2-6



# Application

**Now that a good understanding of who God is and how He relates to man has been established from this passage, how does this impact our lives? What are specific things that each member needs to apply in their life this week?**

**What applications directly from the passage can be applied this week?**

- Do we seek the Counselor, the Holy Spirit as a normal part of our day?

**There may be things that the Holy Spirit is leading us to obey that are not directly from the text, share those as well.**

- We must value the Holy Spirit.

**Be sure to take time to discuss how you can support and encourage each other in the things God is calling you to apply throughout the week.**

- Ask the question: "How can we help you with that?"

# Mission

**Discuss how you will work together this week to impact the world around you.**

- Talk through how you as an MC can engage one of our local schools. Teacher Appreciation week is May 6-10. Is there a way that you could love on or serve teachers that week?

# Questions for Discussion

- Jesus discusses some deep things throughout John 14:15-31 and 16:4-15, He tells His disciples about the coming "Counselor." What are some of the aspects of the Holy Spirit described by Jesus that bring you comfort?
- What surprises you about the work of the Holy Spirit?
- Do you value the work of the Holy Spirit?
- Where have you/do you see the Holy Spirit working?
- How would you describe the work/role of the Holy Spirit?
- What does a Counselor do? Because that is how Jesus describes the Holy Spirit, as the "Counselor."

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