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NEXT STEPS



The Holy Spirit is Our Guide

John 14:15-18, 25-27

Questions to Dig Deeper:

1. The Holy Spirit is called 'paraklete' in verse 16, which literally means 'one called alongside'. There is no exact English equivalent so various translations use the words 'Helper', 'Counsellor', 'Advocate', 'Comforter' etc. How the Holy Spirit living in us comes alongside and helps. Look at some examples from scripture of others' experiences of this. For example compare Luke 22:31-32 with Romans 8:26.
2. In verse 18 and 23 Jesus promised without reservation that "I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you." "The Father and I will come and make up our home with him." Spend some time discussing how we can become more aware of this reality -- i.e. what must we do practically?
3. Look closely at what the Spirit will do in verse 25-27. Of course, Jesus is firstly promising this to the apostles who wrote the New Testament, and that is why we can be assured that what they wrote is accurate and reliable. But what does this mean for us if we want to be a spirit-filled and spirit-led church? What must we focus on?
4. According to verse 27, what is the overriding feature of spending quality time with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in word and prayer?
5. Jesus promises circumstances that lead to peace and tranquility. What is one way that you find meaningful to connect with God? What about one place or practice that helps you to slow down?