
The Gospel of John: That You May Believe
"The Helper We Need for All that We Cannot Bear"
John 16: 1-15

Thoughts to Shape and Spark Discussion:

"The movement of God's Spirit is very gentle, very soft - and hidden. It does not seek attention. But that movement is also very persistent, strong and deep." - Henri Nouwen

"He who dwells in a house, keeps the house in repair; so the Spirit dwelling in a believer, keeps grace in repair. Grace is compared to a river of the water of life (John 7:38). This river can never be dried up because God's Spirit is the spring that continually feeds it." - Thomas Watson

*"Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine." - John Stocker*

"Some want to live within the sound of church or chapel bell. I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell." - C. T. Studd

Themes and Questions to Guide Reflection and Response:

What from the Scripture passage or the sermon made an impression upon you? Are there lingering questions to be answered? What is God showing you about Himself and yourself in this passage?

What has been your relationship to the Holy Spirit? How has it emerged over time? What helps or complicates that relationship?

The disciples in the Upper Room sensed a growing weight of burden and need that they could no longer bear. Are there areas of your life or heart that seem to have become heavier or more needy? How are you bearing (or not!) those areas? How could the Spirit help?

What does Jesus reveal about the Spirit in this passage that is interesting or refreshing for you? Which ministry of the Spirit do you long to experience more and more?

Are there things that the Holy Spirit is testifying/preaching to you about Jesus that are comforting, helping, and sustaining you? How is Jesus becoming more beautiful and more believable to you because of the ministry of the Spirit?

How are you accessing the advantage of the Spirit? How would you like to grow in that?