



Family Conversation Guide

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This week, John Kasay will discuss Jesus' conversation with the disciples following the His last meal with them and the washing of their feet. He will reveal that He is making a new covenant with the disciples and that **He is leaving a Helper for them** as they obey His commandments and go out into the world.

READ AND DISCUSS

John Kasay is referencing the **Good News Bible** for this sermon. If you have a Bible App, it may be beneficial to use this version. Before going to **John 14**, we will turn to **Luke 22** first for background on what Jesus is about to say to the disciples:

1. Read **Luke 22: 14-23**. It was the time of the Passover, a celebration of how God had saved the firstborn sons of the Jews. God had promised to save the children and now, in taking communion with the disciples, Jesus introduces a new covenant. **What is the new covenant in verse 20?** (*A promise that He would die to save us from our sins, and by taking communion we would remember what He had done for us*)
2. Jesus then talked about the betrayal that would happen (**Luke 22: 21-23**), and the disciples were asking who it could be that would betray Jesus. **Can you tell me which one would betray Jesus?** (*Judas*)
3. In **verse 24**, Luke writes about the argument among the disciples about who would be the greatest. This was not the first time! In **Luke 9:46** the disciples also argued about which one of them was the greatest! **How do you think Jesus felt about this?**

Now turn in your Bibles to **John 14:15-31**

4. In **verse 15**, **what did Jesus say we must do if we love Him?** (*We are to obey the commandments God has given us*)

5. **Ask: Can you tell me what you think of when I say the word “helper?”**

Jesus had just told the disciples He would be leaving them, but in **verses 16-17**, He promises to send a Helper to be with them. **Who is the Helper?** (*The Holy Spirit*)

6. **During the sermon, John Kasay showed a drawing of the trinity- God in three persons.** All of them (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) are God, but they each are different parts of God. Hard to understand, but they are ALL important to us!

7. One of the things the Holy Spirit does for us is to reveal the truth about God.

Can we hear from the Holy Spirit if we have not decided to follow Jesus?

(*No, but once we have made the decision to give our lives to Jesus, the Holy Spirit can show us truth and help guide us. Until then, we can be confused because we are not able to hear His voice.*)

8. Read **1 Corinthians 2:14**. **How do the spiritual truths (words from God) seem to those who do not have the Spirit?** (*Look at the Message or Good News version- God’s words and the gifts from the Spirit seem like silliness or foolishness to those who do not know God and do not have the Spirit*)

9. In **verses 16 and 17**, the word “with” is used 3 times, with different meanings.

The Holy Spirit is:

- Actively among you
- Close beside you
- Inside of you

10. The Holy Spirit reveals the truth about God so that we can obey God- the Holy Spirit leads us. **Do you see why Jesus sent a Helper when He left His disciples?** *(He would be gone, but they would not be left alone. The Holy Spirit would guide them!)*

11. **When did the Holy Spirit come to the followers of Jesus?** *(Acts 2:1-4)*

12. **What does the Holy Spirit give to us?** *(see verse 26)*

- He reveals truth to us
- He will teach us everything we need
- He will make us remember

13. In **verse 18**, Jesus knows the disciples are upset, but He reassures them.

What did He say to them? *(He would go but they would not be left alone- He would come back to them. Jesus did come back after He was raised from the dead, and He was seen by around 500 people during the time before He went to heaven!)*

14. In **verse 19**, **what does Jesus promise them, and us?** *(That because He lives, we will also live- we will never die but live with Him in heaven. We will have eternal life, and have an abundant life here on earth.)*

15. In **verse 21**, **how can we show we love Jesus?** *(By accepting His commandments and obeying them)*

16. Judas- the other Judas, not the one who betrayed Jesus- asked Jesus an important question. **What was it?** *(He asked how Jesus could reveal himself to them but not to the world)* **Why does God want us to obey?** *(Because He has good things for us, and He wants to bless us)*

17. Jesus explains in **verses 23- 24** that only those who love Him can be loved by Him and the Father, and understand and accept His teaching. **Where does Jesus' teaching come from?** *(From the Father)*

18. John Kasay explains here that the disciples are beginning to understand that **Jesus did not come into the world in the way they expected**- as the Messiah who would restore Israel to power and that He would be a king who would bring abundance to His people.

In **verse 27**, Jesus reassures the disciples. **What does He leave with them?** (*Peace- he told them not to be worried or afraid. Jesus wants us to trust Him.*)

19. Read **verse 28**- **why does Jesus say they should be glad?** (*Because I am going to the Father, who is greater than I. Jesus honors God the Father and wants us to do so also.*)

20. John Kasay explains that Jesus wants the disciples, and us, to believe Him, and to press on- no matter what is going on around us. In **verse 30**, He refers to Satan, the “ruler of this world.” He reminds them that Satan has no power over Him. That is why He wants us to continue to obey Him. **God has a wonderful purpose and plan for your life!**

PRAYER

Jesus- Thank You for explaining to the disciples and to us why You want us to obey Your commandments. Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to be our Guide and Helper. Thank You for giving us understanding and peace in this world. We know You have a special plan and purpose for each one of us! In Jesus' name, Amen.

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Challenge your family to **spend 10 minutes each day being still**. Encourage them to find a quiet place where they can be close to God and quiet their thoughts. If possible, it would be good to do this at the same time, and share with each other afterward. Talk about how being still can give you peace and open your heart to feel the presence of God through the Holy Spirit.

FOR YOUNGER KIDS

Give your younger elementary kids and preschoolers a piece of paper and markers or crayons. **Encourage them to draw a peaceful place and then to tell you about it.**

Try being still together outside or in a cozy place in your home. Explain that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be our Guide and our Helper, and by being still we can enjoy His presence.