

Title: Assurances

Big Idea: Those who trust & follow Jesus enjoy His assurances.

14:**18** I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. **19** A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. **20** At that day you will know that I *am* in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

Orphans: means comfortless or fatherless.

“An orphan in the ancient world lacked the protection, provision, and legal advocacy of a father”

1. You are family.

21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

2. You will see God.

22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?” **23** Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

3. You have a home.

24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.

25 “These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. **26** But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

4. You have the Holy Spirit.

27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

5. You have His peace.

28 You have heard Me say to you, ‘I am going away and coming *back* to you.’ If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, ‘I am going to the Father,’ for My Father is greater than I. **29** “And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. **30** I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. **31** But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

Romans 2:4 Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? 5 But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

Discussion Questions

Look over these questions before your group time. Write down your answers or ideas for at least a few questions if not all. You may not get to every question during your time, but speak up if you want to talk about one of them in particular. Always try to start with question #1.

1. What stood out to you and/or what do you think God might be speaking about from this message?
2. What do you think the disciples thought when Jesus said they would not be orphans? What does it make you think of?
3. How does the Holy Spirit fit in your daily spiritual life?
4. Are you experiencing God's peace in your life? How can you grow in it? Or if you have it, how can you share it with others?
5. How can consequences be healthy & good for relationships? When might they be unhealthy or not good?
6. Out of the five, which assurance is most assuring for you?