

¹⁵ “If you love me, obey my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. ¹⁷ He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you. ¹⁸ No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you. ¹⁹ Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Since I live, you also will live. ²⁰ When I am raised to life again, you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them.”

— John 14:15-21

Discussion/Journal Questions

Who was your childhood best friend? Share a favorite memory of them.

Have two or three people read John 14:15-21 out loud slowly. After some time of reflection, ask each other what words, phrases, or ideas stand out to everyone. What questions come to mind as you meditate on this scripture?

Read John 16:7. Why do you think Jesus said it is better for Him to go so that the Spirit could come?

In John 14:16, Jesus calls the Holy Spirit “another Advocate.” How is the Holy Spirit like Jesus? How is the Holy Spirit different from Jesus?

In what ways does the Holy Spirit serve as an Advocate? (Some translations Helper, Comforter, or Counselor.)

Read John 14:27. How does the Holy Spirit teach and remind us of Jesus’ words?

Are there areas of your life that you need prayer for wisdom from the Holy Spirit? What are they, and how can your group pray for you?