

DIVING DEEPER DISCUSSION GUIDE

does Jesus have in mind here?

TEXT SUMMARY		
The night before he died, Jesus spent considerable time preparing his disciples for what their spiritual life would look like once he was gone. He told them that it was actually better for them that he goes so that the Comforter could come.		
Our text, <u>John 16:13-15</u> , comes from the "Upper Room Discourse," that extended teaching time Jesus had with his disciples that night.		
To get a good sense of this passage, it would be good to read the entire chapter.		
<u>INTRODUCTION</u> (observation):		
Use the familiar " 5Ws and an H " tool to analyze what Jesus told his disciples about the Comforter:		
here) 2. Where will the Sp (again, more than 3. Jesus said "when where did that had in Acts 2)	ay the Spirit would do? (several answers birit get what He gives to the disciples? In one answer) the Spirit of Truth comes." When and appen? (hint: not in the Gospel accounts but ral of the Spirit change the lives of Jesus's	
<u>DISCUSSION</u> (interpretation):		
What do we learn the Son, and the S	of the Trinity appear in this brief passage. about the interactions between the Father, Spirit? an that the Spirit will declare to us things to	
	ut the End Times? What "things to come"	

SO WHAT? (application): Here we move toward firstperson pronouns as we begin to consider how we must respond to what God has said in His Word. 1. When Jesus said he was leaving, his disciples must have been in dismay. But when he said it was good that he go, they would have been incredulous. • How can it possibly be better for us that Jesus is gone? • How is the Presence of the Spirit even better than the physical presence of God in human form here on earth? • What can God do in His people now that He couldn't do when Jesus was here on earth? 2. What does it mean that the Spirit will guide us into all truth? • Is Jesus promising that the Spirit will give us specific guidance on guestions about career and marriage and other major decisions? • What is Jesus promising? How can we claim this promise? 3. Some people have called the Spirit "the forgotten God" because we give so little attention to His ministry and work. The sermon quoted an illustration that said that for many believers, their relationship with the Spirit is like the way a husband treats his loyal wife: he takes her for granted and seldom communicates with her. • Why are Christians sometimes so reluctant to talk about the work of the Spirit? • What can we do to "walk? (that is, live

consistently) in the power of the Spirit?