



February 23rd/24th | Craig Smith: The Holy Spirit (John 16:1-15)

1. Of the Three R's of persecution (*realize* persecution is natural to the Christian life, *remember* that persecution is proof of our connection to Jesus, *reveal* your faith) is the most challenging for you?

//Read John 16:1-15)

2. How was it that the *religious* people Jesus was referring to in v. 2 did not know the Father or Jesus?
 - a. In your own words, what is the difference between *behaving* and *belonging* when it comes to your life as a follower of Christ?
 - b. How do belonging and behaving work together to reveal the authenticity of someone's commitment to Christ?
3. Revisit John 15:9-14. How does this passage inform how we think about the connection between *behaving* and *belonging* when it comes to following Christ?
4. Why did Jesus refer to the Holy Spirit as the Advocate?
5. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit as the Advocate concerning how you follow Christ?
6. Consider John 16:8-11. How would you articulate the role of the Holy Spirit in your own words?
 - a. Consider Romans 3:21-26. What does this passage teach us about sin, righteousness and judgment?
 - b. How do you connect the teaching in John 16:8-11 with Romans 3:21-26?

The Holy Spirit will deliver everything we need to stay close to Jesus.

7. Of the five things Craig taught about the work of the Holy Spirit in his life, what was most impactful for you (*trust* the Holy Spirit, *ask* the Holy Spirit to lead, *declare* confidence in the Holy Spirit's leading, *test* what you think the spirit is leading you to do, *act* quickly when the Holy Spirit leads)?
8. What step will you take to be led by the Holy Spirit?

Leaders: Record your engagement via the MHC App.