



## *Jesus' Farewell Word*

**Jesus Best Friend**– John 14:15-31

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What role does God's Spirit play in your life? In John 14:15-31, Jesus shines a light on the 'forgotten God'.

Lewis Roderick shows us the Spirit is Another, Advocate and Homemaker; and suggests three ways you and I can cultivate a relationship with him.

For personal reflection/community discussion

**Read** – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

**Examine** – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

**Apply** - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- In light of the Spirit searching the deep things of God and then teaching them to us, how should this affect a Christian's approach to interpreting the Scriptures, from reading one's devotions, to listening to sermons, to teaching or preaching from God's Word?
- Consider the Spirit's role as Homemaker in your life. Are you currently or when were you last most aware of his rebuilding work in your heart?
- How might you seek to cultivate your relationship with God's Spirit? Of the three things Lewis suggested, which is most lacking? Why might this be the case?
- Lewis spoke of the life bringing work of the Spirit's advocacy, and how inexplicable it is that believers suddenly go from unbelief to faith. Give pause to this reality - God the Spirit entered your life and preached Christ's trustworthiness to your soul. Spend time thanking God for this incredible work in your life.

As Lewis explained at the beginning of the message, this sermon was hugely influenced by Sinclair Ferguson's book, [The Upper Room](#). You can buy it for yourself [here](#).