



Discipleship Guide The Advocate John 16

This guide was created to help you engage with the message and create deeper engagement with our worship services. Each week this guide will encourage you to reflect on two primary questions using the framework of Up (with God), In (with church) and Out (with neighbors). As we use this guide to reflect on the scriptures and your relationship with God, each other and your neighbors, consider pausing for a moment in quiet before jumping into the questions.

Weekly Questions:

- How is God getting my attention? For help, think about these areas:
 - How are you living up with God?
 - How are you living in community with other followers of Jesus?
 - · How are you living out on mission with your neighbors?
- What are you going to do about it?

John 15:26—16:1-15

Some religious people think they have the whole world figured out. And they are hostile when you challenge their perspective of God or the world.

- The Holy Spirit is also called the Advocate. What does it mean that we have an Advocate when religious people get things mixed up and are judgmental?
- What does it say about God that we aren't left to navigate the world by ourselves but we have a Spirit to guide us when Jesus isn't with us in body on earth?

Jesus acknowledges that life can feel full of grief and hardship, but the Holy Spirit helps us to find joy on the other side of grief.

- Is there a time when you have experienced grief and never imagined feeling joy again? What was it like when you felt joy again on the other side of hardship?
- · What do we learn about who God is that we aren't left to navigate grief on our own?
- Jesus says that when we learn to ask God for anything in the name and way of Jesus we will receive and have our joy made complete. Describe a time when you joy felt complete.

The Holy Spirit is a guide that helps us to know the truth with our lives.

- What are some ways you listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit with your life?
- How would you talk about the Holy Spirit with someone else who is new to the faith?

For our kids (and adults too!):

What is a way you can listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit this week?

After reflection, what are you going to do about what you learned this week?