

The Follower's Trail Guide

NAVIGATING THE PATH OF JESUS

OPENING UP

Have you ever had an assistant or helper? Have you ever been an assistant or helper yourself? What makes a good helper?

TEXT**A Helper for the Way | John 14:15-31**

¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper,^[a] to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be^[b] in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.” ²²Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?” ²³Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

(turn to the ESV Bible to continue reading vv. 25-31)

MESSAGE OUTLINE**Big Idea: Jesus Sends the Spirit to Help us on the Way**

1. The Spirit of Truth Dwells within us. (vv. 15-20)
2. The Spirit Keeps us in the Truth. (vv. 21-24)
3. The Spirit Teaches us the Truth. (vv. 25-31)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



- Most Christians believe in the Holy Spirit but don't always live like he's real or as powerful as Jesus explains he is in this week's passage. What active role does the Holy Spirit have in your everyday life? When you think about your days, is the Holy Spirit an active participant in your day-to-day life?
- In John 14:15-20, we learn that the Holy Spirit dwells within us. In what ways do you sense the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in your life?
- God loved us by sending Jesus to redeem us and then sending the Holy Spirit as our Helper. Out of that love we respond in love by knowing and keeping his commands, enabled by the Holy Spirit. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit empowering and keeping you in the truth of God's word?
- Read John 14:26. What has God been teaching you lately through the ministry of the Holy Spirit? If nothing, why is that the case?
- Following Jesus isn't always easy. Jesus sends us the Spirit to help us on the Way. In what ways have you relied on the Holy Spirit for help and guidance as you've walked with Jesus? How would your journey change if you fully embraced the help the Holy Spirit offers?

LIFE CHALLENGE



Have you embraced the Holy Spirit to the point that he is an active participant in your everyday life? Are you inviting the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide you? A big part of learning from the Holy Spirit is interacting with the Word of God. How often are you reading God's word?

This week, before you read God's word, listen to a sermon, or attend a Bible Study take time to invite the Holy Spirit to help you understand what you're learning and hearing. As the Holy Spirit speaks to you and guides you, share what you're hearing and learning with a fellow believer.

Not sure what you're hearing is from the Holy Spirit? One easy way to discern if what you're hearing/learning is from the Spirit is by making sure it lines up with the Bible.

CLOSING PRAYER



God, thank you for sending your son, Jesus to save us from our sins. Thank you, Jesus, for being obedient to the father and laying down your life to redeem us. Thank you for sending us your Spirit to live with us and to finish the work you began here on earth. Help us to remember that the same power that raised you from the grave lives in us! Spirit, remind us of your power this week. Teach us through the scriptures and guide us as we strive to follow in the way of Jesus. Amen