Jesus Sends the Spirit

Read: John 14:15-31

Main idea: Even though Jesus left earth for heaven, His connection with His followers is maintained by the work of the Spirit and is evident by their obedience and love.

Key Verses: "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even 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 in you." **(14:16-17 ESV)**

Key Principles:

- True disciples of Jesus love and obey Him no matter the circumstances of their lives.
- The world knew that Jesus loved the Father because He obeyed the Father.
- Everyone that loves Jesus and proves it through their obedience will be loved by the Father and will live with the Father and Son for ever.
- Jesus went to the cross because He loved us, and He rose triumphantly so we would no longer need to fear death and so that we would trust His promises of heaven.
- Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to take His place with His disciples to comfort, strengthen and teach them in the same way that He had.
- The peace that Jesus gives comes through His defeat of mankind's greatest foes: sin, death and Satan.

Discussion:

- 1. How do true disciples reveal their love for Jesus? Why should obedience flow out of a heart of love?
- 2. How can loving Jesus help you to conquer sin in your life? Why do we sin? Why does loving Jesus help us not to sin?
- 3. Have you ever prayed that the Holy Spirit would help your passion for Jesus grow? Why or why not? Why do you think that is important?
- 4. Have you ever thought about the fact that God loves you, specifically? Why is that an important part of loving Jesus and obeying God?
- 5. Why does Jesus call the Holy Spirit "another Helper?" What does it say about who the Holy Spirit is and what He does?
- 6. How does the promise of the Holy Spirit display the concern that Jesus has for you? How does it lead to peace in the midst of a chaotic world and life?

Prayer:

- Pray that the Holy Spirit would help our passion for Jesus to grow.
- Pray:
 - o That we remember that God the Father and the Son love us and have proven it.
 - That we trust the work of the Holy Spirit to comfort us and give us strength.
 - That we would experience the peace of God in the midst of the chaos of this world.

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I.	You can <u>experience</u> <u>power</u> from heaven.		14:15-17
	1.	There is strength in obedience.	14:15
	2.	There is support in relationship.	14:16-17
II.	You	can <u>enjoy</u> <u>comfort</u> from heaven.	14:18-24
	1.	You will be protected by the Savior.	14:18-20
	2.	You will be <u>loved</u> by the <u>Father</u> .	14:21
	3.	You will be filled by the Spirit.	14:22-24
III.	You can <u>receive</u> <u>help</u> from heaven.		14:25-31
	1.	The Spirit provides knowledge.	14:25-26
	2.	The Spirit provides peace.	14:27
	3.	The Spirit provides confidence.	14:28-31

NEXT WEEK: Stay Connected to Jesus John 15:1-17