



TRINITY
CHURCH

Sermon Discussion Guide

April 14, 2024

John 14:15-31

Read the sermon text (John 14:15-31) together and briefly summarize the main points of the sermon (see outline below). Recapping the sermon text and sermon outline can be a helpful way to start the group, even if everyone did hear the sermon. If someone did not hear the sermon, at least they have now heard the text, or part of the text...

I Need Help

John 14:15-31

Sermon Outline

Knowing the Trinity...

1. Walk with the Holy Spirit
2. Love the Son
3. Run to the Father

Sermon Thought: The Father gives us the Holy Spirit to help us live the Christian life, and all of this is possible because of the work of the Son.

Sermon Discussion questions

*After briefly reviewing the message outline and text, use these questions to further examine the sermon and to discuss how these truths apply to daily life, so we can “be doers of the word, and not hearers only” (James 1:22). Based on your knowledge of the people in your home group, **select the questions that will best help you frame the group’s discussion** of this sermon and sermon text. Don’t feel like you need to discuss every question... And feel free to craft some of your own questions.*

1. “Prime the Pump” question—Have you ever met someone that you should know, but you can’t remember their name? What happens in that situation?
2. Was there anything in the sermon or the text that stood out to you?
3. In your own words, what do you think Jesus wants his disciples to remember in this passage?
4. Can you think of one way that each of the members of the Trinity shows love to the other two members?
 1. Father loves Son and Holy Spirit
 2. Son loves Father and Holy Spirit
 3. Holy Spirit loves Son and Father
5. The Holy Spirit is called the “Helper.” Is it easy or hard for you to admit that you need help in general? In your Christian walk?

6. How is "walking" a helpful metaphor to understand our relationship with the Holy Spirit?
7. Read John 14:17,26; 17:17. What does the Holy Spirit teach believers?
8. Can you think of an example of when the Holy Spirit is helped you to learn or remember something?
9. Jesus says in v.16 that the Father "will give you" the Holy Spirit (helper). When did you receive the Holy Spirit? Could you notice an immediate difference/transformation? A gradual difference/transformation?
10. Read Gal. 5:16-21. How does the Holy Spirit help you fight against temptation?
11. Read Gal. 5:22-23. Can you think of examples of the fruit of the Spirit in the lives of other people in your Home Group? Encourage each other by pointing out fruit that you have noticed.
12. Read Acts 9:31. What role did the Holy Spirit play in the multiplication of the early church? What role does He play in the multiplication of Trinity Church?
13. Read 1 John 4:19. Why do we love the Son?
14. Read 1 John 4:7-21. How does love for the Son lead us to love others? What role does the Holy Spirit play in this?
15. Read John 14:15, 21,23. Many times we get the "cause" and "effect" mixed up. Which of these INCORRECT statements are you tempted to believe? What is wrong with each of them?
 1. "If you keep my commandments (CAUSE), I will love you (EFFECT)
 2. "If you keep my commandments (CAUSE), You will love me (EFFECT)
 3. "If you keep my commandments (CAUSE), the Father will love you (EFFECT)
16. Why do we usually not think of obedience as an expression of love?
17. Can you think of any examples of this in human relationships, where love is expressed in obedience?
18. Read 14:19. How does the resurrection give you hope this week?
19. What does it look like for you to run to the Father?
20. Read 1 John 3:1, John 14:18. How does this motivate you to worship?
21. Why do you think that God wanted you to see/hear this passage today?