

Many Rooms

The 'Way of Life' Series

Connecting with others around the presence of Jesus, & growing spiritually
by understanding and applying God's Word, together.

Week 7: John 14:15-31

PREPARE and PRAY

Breathe deeply, settle in, and prepare to meet with God. Then **invite God to speak** to you through His Word.

READ and LISTEN

Slowly read this week's Scripture several times. As you read, **listen to the Holy Spirit** with your heart and mind.

SUMMARIZE and REFLECT

On this page or in a journal, **summarize the core teaching** of these verses. **Ask God for insight** as you reflect on and answer the following questions.

1. What is one thing Jesus's words and/or actions reveal about God?
2. In your own words, what does Jesus say about who a disciple is and what disciples do?

DIG and DISCOVER

Take a closer look at God's truth. Let these questions and insights **deepen your understanding** as you prepare to apply God's word.

"In the Bible the word for peace, shalom, never means simply the absence of trouble. It means everything which makes for our highest good. The peace which the world offers us is the peace of escape, the peace which comes from the avoidance of trouble and from refusing to face things."

- William Barclay

- Describe the Trinity (God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit) in your own words.
 - Which scripture references reveal the Trinity or help you understand it?
- In verse 16, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as "*paraclete*", an ancient Greek word that can mean advocate, counselor, encourager, comforter, and/or helper.
 - How does each name show different aspects of the Spirit and his work?
 - Which best describes how you experience the Holy Spirit's work in your life?
- List things Jesus promised the Holy Spirit will do for everyone He indwells.
 - Which are you most grateful for today? Why?
- Do you most often think of Holy Spirit as a force/power/influence – or as a person?
 - What proofs from this passage show the Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force, but possesses the will, intellect, and actions of a true person?
- Read 1 Cor 2:12-14.
 - Think about and share how the Holy Spirit taught or gave you understanding recently.
- How is obedience to Jesus linked to loving him? When Jesus emphasizes obedience, what keeps this from being the heavy burden of a new legalism? Can we love Jesus and *not* obey him? If so, how?
- In verse 27, Jesus promised his disciples peace. If God's peace doesn't mean the end of all conflict in everyday life, then what kind of peace did he offer them?
 - How does the peace Jesus offers help us today?
 - Have you ever experienced that peace? What was that like?
- How does the Bible show that the "prince of this world" is an actual evil creature and not simply an evil influence? (See Matt 4:1-11; 2 Cor 4:4; Eph 2:2; Heb 2:14; Rev 12:9)
- How does Satan take advantage of our previous sins to control us or make us fearful?
 - In verse 31, how does Jesus stay free from bondage to Satan?
 - How can we, too, live free from bondage to Satan?

RESPOND and COMMIT

Ask God how he wants you to **respond to His Word** today and this week. **Commit to one step** of action and **share it** with someone you know.