

John 14:1-15:17 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. From John 14:16-20 what else did Jesus promise (v16)? How does Jesus describe the Spirit (v16, 17) and what is the effect of His presence (v16, 17, 18, 19-20)?

5. Read 14:21-24. What condition are we to fulfill (v21, 23) and what will result from this (v21-22, 23)? What does it mean if we don't fulfill this condition (v24)? Apply.

6. Based on 14:25-31 what does the Holy Spirit do for us (v25-26)? What did Jesus leave to us and why (v27)? What had He told the disciples and why (v28, 29)? What was Jesus' response to what was next (v30-31)?

7. In 15:1-4 how did Jesus identify Himself (v1) and us (v1)? What does He do for unfruitful (v2) and fruitful followers (v2)? What has He done for us (v3) and what should we do (v4)?

8. From 15:5-8 how do we bear "much" fruit (v5)? What does it mean to "abide" and why does it work (v5)? What happens if we don't abide (v6) and if we do (v7, 8)?

9. In 15:9-13 how are we to abide in Jesus (v9, 10, 12) and what will result (v11)? What has Jesus done for us (v9, 12) and what is the greatest expression of that love (v13)? Apply.

10. Using 15:14-17 what does friendship with Jesus look like (v14, 15, 17)? How did we get to be friends with Him (v16) and for what purposes (v16)?

11. Looking back over John 14-15 in what ways did Jesus show His ongoing friendship with His disciples? What does it mean to you that Jesus is your friend, too? How can you cultivate that friendship with Him each day?

Scripture to Remember

"I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you."

John 15:15b (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—What Are We To Do With the Gospel ? (Titus 2:15)
(Using questions from Sunday's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Talk about some of the ways you try to share the gospel with others in your life. What seems to keep you from talking about Jesus more with others?
2. Read Titus 2:11-15. What was Titus told to do with the gospel (v15)? Is this meant for just "ministers" or for all believers? Why?
3. What message are you communicating with your life—the Gospel? Religious legalism? Nominal Christianity? Secularism? Explain.
4. Discuss the relationship between the ministry of reconciliation and church discipline—why the purity of the fellowship is vital to restoring people to God.
5. Do you agree that repentance a necessary part of the Christian life? Why? How do you respond to accountability from a fellow believer regarding an area of sin?
6. Think about the 3 things we are to do with the gospel and share with the group how you can 1) declare it this week, 2) apply it this week, and 3) use it for correction this week.
7. Share about anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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Jesus' one solitary life changed the course of mankind for eternity.

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God's pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God's family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

In 1971 Carole King wrote the song made famous by James Taylor, "You've Got a Friend". It sounds a lot like the words of Jesus in John 14—"When you're down and troubled... You've got a friend". Knowing that He would soon depart Jesus wanted His disciples to know that while He would be gone they would not be forgotten. Imploring them to not have troubled hearts, He asked them to believe in Him when He said that His departure had a purpose. He was going to the Father to prepare a place for them and then would return for them later. Since He was the way to the Father, The truth, and The life, which they had all experienced, they were to simply trust Him rather than being troubled. He then reminded them that He knew the Father, and that meant that

they knew the Father, too. He and the Father are one, and He had shown that by telling them the Father's words and doing the Father's works. Thus, they would do greater works when they asked for them in Jesus' name, so that the Father would be glorified. Jesus then told them they would be absent when He left, but not alone. He would send another Helper like Him, the Holy Spirit, who was the Spirit of truth. He would remind them of everything Jesus had said, and through the Holy Spirit the Father and the Son would come and live inside the believer. They would not be orphans, but would have intimate fellowship with God. The condition of experiencing this love was the keeping of Jesus' commandments, and the one who didn't do this actually didn't

love Jesus. Finally, Jesus told them that He would be away, but that He would be available. He was the true Vine and His followers were His branches. The key to experiencing Jesus' power, bearing much fruit, and glorifying the Father was to "abide" in Him. This meant total saturation and dependence on Him. When this occurs the believer will have true joy and will experience the friendship of Jesus. He has chosen us to be friends and bear fruit, showing His friendship by giving His life for us. In return we must love one another because we've got a friend.

Study Questions for John 14:1-15:17

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study%20questions))

<p>1. Read John 14:1-6. What was Jesus concerned about (v1) and what would He do about it (v2-3)? What did He tell the disciples (v1, 4, 5-6) and why was this important for them? Explain verse 6.</p>	
<p>2. Using 14:7-11 what misconception did the disciples have (v8) and how did Jesus clarify this (v7, 9)? What two things illustrated the oneness between Jesus and His Father (v10, 11)?</p>	
<p>3. Based on 14:12-15 what promises did Jesus make (v12, 13-14) and why (v13)? How would this be accomplished (v13-14) and what should accompany this prayer (v15)?</p>	

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