



MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

John's Fresh Perspective on the Spirit

Bible Reading: John 14:15-20, 25-27

[Watch LIVESTREAM at 10am](#)

The Disciples' Concern About Jesus Leaving Them (Jn. 13:33, 36-37a; 14:3, 18)

Jesus' Assurance: The Love of God is Yours (Jn. 14:15, 21, 23; 1 Jn. 4:16)

- A. Loving Jesus brings us into a deeper & more personal relationship with the Father (vv. 21 & 23)
- B. Loving Jesus means we obey/follow his commands (vv. 15, 21, 23; 1 Jn. 4:20-21)

New Perspective on the Spirit (Jn. 14:16-20, 22-26)

- A. My Father will give you Another Comforter (Paraclete) (v. 16b)
 - 1. The Paraclete
 - 2. Another Paraclete
 - 3. He will be with you forever (16b)
 - 4. He will be in you (17b)
- B. The Spirit of truth (v. 17a)
- C. The Holy Spirit (v. 26)
 - 1. He will teach you all things (1 Jn. 2:20, 27; Rom. 8:14; Gal. 5:16, 18)
 - 2. He will remind you of everything I have told you

New Possibilities for the Church

- A. The 'Spirit' should shape what church looks like
 - 1. Not being institutionally formed/bound (1 Jn. 1:1, 3; 2:1, 7, 12, 13, 14)
 - 2. Not being hierarchical
 - 3. Not intense focus on the sacraments
 - 4. Gender roles
- B. The Spirit indwells & teaches all believers (1 Jn. 2:20, 27)
- C. What does this look like at CIT?