



Sermon Discussion Questions

"A Friend Who Will Never Leave You"

John 14:15-27; 16:7-14; Acts 2:1-4

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Opener:

Who was the best counselor you ever had? Why was this person so effective or special?

Questions:

1. See John 13:34. How are the disciples to show love to each other? To Jesus (14:15)?

Why is this concept of love repeated four times (vv 15, 21, 23-24)?

2. What do you learn about the Holy Spirit in verse 16-17 and 25-27?

What is the relationship of the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit in verses 16-17 and 25-27 to the believer? To each other?

3. What is the difference between how Jesus gives peace and how the world gives peace?

Application:

4. How at home are the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in your life? Are they more like temporary guests or owners?

5. On a scale from 1 (smooth sailing) to 10 (furious storm), what is your peace quotient? Where do you most desire Jesus' peace? Where can you find the prospect of hope in this passage?

6. Of all the promises made here (vv 16-18, 21, 23, 26-27), which one means the most to you and your group? Why?

7. What other questions do you have about the Holy Spirit? Trade your understandings and experiences in your discussion.

Take some time to pray as a group, silent or aloud, and ask the Holy Spirit to make himself known to you anew this week. Where are you being led to take practical steps, large or small, in relationships and other matters?

*These questions were put together using the *Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).