

Connection Group Discussion Questions

For the week of March 15, 2015

John 14:15-19

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

Common English Bible (CEB)

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion, who will be with you forever. ¹⁷ This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can’t receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you.

¹⁸ “I won’t leave you as orphans. I will come to you. ¹⁹ Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too.

Connection Questions:

1. Why would getting to know a Jewish rabbi help us in understanding the Bible?
2. How important is the Bible in helping to know more about the nature of God?
3. Respond to the statement that the past is only helpful to us as it assists us in living fully in the present.
4. Jesus knew that we would need fresh information and inspiration so in our text he says he will send an advocate. What is that advocate and how does it assist in our relationship with God?
5. Jesus said, “. . . the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me.” Who was he referring to and how do they see him without his physical presence?

6. How important is it that we develop a sense of expectation as we grow in seeing and learning from God in the present?

7. Jesus knew what his purpose was in life. How can we know God's purpose for our lives or can we?

8. In the movie, *Bruce Almighty*, God tells Bruce if he wants to see a miracle he has to be a miracle. What did he mean?

9. Mike Slaughter talks about the dangers of becoming spiritually drowsy. What do you think he means?

10. If we are engaged with God with our lives does God expect us to be on a "spiritual high" all the time? If not, discuss what a healthy journey with God looks like for you.