Heart of the Teacher: Jesus' Final Words The Holy Spirit: Our Guide to Knowing Jesus

Wyatt Martin // March 2, 2025 John 14:15-26

Big Idea: The Holy Spirit is how we know Jesus.

What does it mean to follow Jesus?

John 13:13

How do you follow someone who isn't here?

John 14:15-16

Paraclete: one who comes alongside to provide strength, courage, and support.

Holy Spirit 101

- The Holy Spirit is God.
- The Holy Spirit is a he, not an it.
- The Holy Spirit is how we know Jesus.

The Holy Spirit

- Confirms the truth of Jesus John 14:17 John 16:8
- Makes us the family of Jesus John 14:18-21
- Brings us the presence of Jesus John 14:22-24
- Gives us what we need when we need it John 14:25-26

For more on the Holy Spirit, see the message on the Holy Spirit from our series, *The Essentials*, at aldrerwood.cc/essentials.

Message Questions

If you only had hours left to live, what would you do? For Jesus, he chose to spend his last moments before going to the cross teaching his disciples the most important truths they would need to cling to once he was gone. These are the things Jesus knew they needed to know, and we do too. In this message series, we'll be diving into John 13-16 as we learn more about the *Heart of the Teacher: Jesus' Final Words*. This week we are in **John 14:15-26**, and the big idea is: The Holy Spirit is how we know Jesus.

Use these questions to discuss the message from Sunday, focusing on how you can **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus and how you can **go** accomplish what Jesus calls you to do.

1. Have someone read John 14:15-16. Jesus says that if we love him, we will keep his commands, and he will send the Holy Spirit to be with us. How does obedience to Jesus show our love for him? How has the Holy Spirit helped you follow Jesus in your daily life?

2. Have someone read John 14:17 and 1 Corinthians 2:14. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth who helps us understand and know Jesus. Why do you think people struggle to recognize spiritual truth? How has the Holy Spirit helped you understand God's Word and grow in faith?

3.	Have someone read John 14:18-20 . Jesus promises not to leave us as orphans but to bring us into his family. How does the Holy Spirit confirm our identity as children of God? What difference does this make in the way you view yourself and your relationship with God?
4.	John 14:26 tells us that the Holy Spirit teaches and reminds us of Jesus' words. What steps can you take to grow in listening to the Holy Spirit's guidance in your life? How can you become more aware of his teaching and presence?
5.	Jesus said that those who love him will keep his word, and that through the Holy Spirit, He and the Father will make their home with them (John 14:23-24). How can you go and reflect Jesus' presence to others this week? What specific ways can you demonstrate his love and truth in your relationships?

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