



DISCUSSION GUIDE

These questions are designed to help groups discuss this weekend's sermon while building relationships with each other and applying God's Word to our lives.

Week of September 28, 2025

GETTING STARTED

- Have you ever felt like God was distant—even though you believed He was real? What did you do in that season?
- Brandon said the Holy Spirit is often treated like a background character. What have you believed (or assumed) about the Holy Spirit in the past?

DIGGING INTO SCRIPTURE

Read **John 14:15–27** aloud. Pause for 30 seconds of silence before discussing.

- Jesus calls the Spirit “another Advocate” (v. 16). What does that title suggest about who the Spirit is and what He does?
- According to verse 17, how is the Spirit’s relationship to believers different than the world’s?
- In verses 25–27, Jesus says the Spirit will “teach” and “remind” us. What are some ways the Spirit does that in your life?

Read **John 16:7–15** aloud.

- Why does Jesus say it’s better that He goes away (v. 7)? What does that tell us about the importance of the Spirit?
- In verse 14, Jesus says the Spirit will glorify Him. What does it mean for the Spirit to “glorify” Jesus—and why is that important?



HONEST REFLECTION

Brandon said, “The Spirit isn’t a substitute for Jesus—He is how we experience Jesus now.”

- Where in your life do you struggle to believe that God is truly with you?
- What would it look like to more fully welcome the Spirit’s presence, help, and voice?
- Do you find it easier to relate to Jesus than the Spirit? Why might that be?
- Where might the Spirit be gently trying to remind you or recenter you this week?

PRAYER FOCUS

- Ask the Spirit: “What part of my life have I been trying to live without You?”
- Pray, “Come, Holy Spirit”—not asking Him to arrive, but to awaken you to His presence.
- Ask God to make your group aware of His love, alive to His voice, and aligned with His peace.

Next week: Read Romans 8:1-17 in preparation of Week 2 of our series!