

“Hospitable Hearts” Group Study

Season 4: Prepare Him Room, **Week 2**

Passage: John 14:15-31

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ICEBREAKER:

~ Who was your favorite teacher? Share what made them so special to you.

Hospitable Hearts

John 14:15-31

Learning how to **host the Spirit** is essential to becoming **disciples of Jesus**.

The Spirit:

- **affirms** our **adoption**.
- **empowers** our **witness**.
- **illuminates** our **minds**.
- **calms** our **hearts**.

Take it home:

1. **Anticipate** his **presence**.
2. **Respond** to his **voice**.
3. **Cherish** his **company**.

Jesus became **flesh to dwell** among us and he sent **his Spirit to dwell** within us.



Learning His Way

(Every week in these studies, we will ask questions about the Scriptures that try to help us Discover the unique Way of Jesus that is found in the text.)

1. Read John 14:15-31
2. Read Matthew 7:21-23. How does this Scripture correspond to the passage in John.

3. The Holy Spirit is present and made known all throughout Scripture in both the Old and New Testament. Describe how the coming of Jesus brought about a different relationship with the person of the Holy Spirit.
4. Judas asks a very important question in verse 22. What is the question and how would you answer it?



Forming His Heart

(This is the part of the study where we work on our own hearts. "How does my character need to grow and change because of this passage?")

5. What is your first response to hearing the statement "The Spirit dwells in every Christian, but not every Christian walks in the Spirit's power."
6. Do you feel the freedom to ask God for "anything"? Why or why not?
7. Take a few minutes as a group to make a list of the common hindrances that inhibit a heart from being hospitable to the Holy Spirit. Are there any that personally convict you?



Joining His Mission

(This is the part of the study that we ask, "What would God want us to do because of this passage?")

8. One of the ways to make a heart more hospitable is to respond to the voice of the Holy Spirit's leading. His ways are always loving and point to truth. Share stories of moments of obedience to encourage one another's hearts.
9. Pray as a group for your love toward one another and others within the Body to grow.