

“The Advantage” Group Guide

Series: [RE]UNION

Passage: John 16:5-15

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ICEBREAKER:

~ Share a time when a recipe you made (or tasted) was lacking an ingredient. What was the outcome? Share the memory with your group.

The Advantage

John 16:5-15

The **Holy Spirit’s indwelling** is better than **Jesus’ physical presence**.

- He **exposes error**.
- He **illuminates truth**.

How to walk in the Spirit:

1. Be **filled** with the **Spirit**.
2. Be **prepared** for spiritual **conflict**.
3. Know your **rights** as a **child** of God.
4. **Live** by **faith**.

Those most **in step** with the Spirit are those most **in love** with Jesus.



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 16:5-15. Now read the passage again in The Message paraphrase. What stands out?
2. Read Romans 8:14-17 and Mark 14:36. What are these verses reminding all disciples of Jesus?



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?”)

3. Have you ever considered the word “convict” from the perspective of having the Advocate (the Holy Spirit) fighting for your good? Is this easy for you to believe? Why or why not?
4. Christians can find themselves comparing their “righteousness” to the world and even to one another rather than to the righteousness of Jesus. Confess a way that you might presently find yourself doing this and receive the grace of your group.
5. If sin is unbelief (John 16:9), ponder the question, “Are there ways I’m not trusting Jesus?” Share with the group an area of current weakness in how you’re trusting God. Take time to pray for one another.



Joining His Mission

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

6. Are there ways in which you have hindered the Holy Spirit from being able to guide you toward more freedom and abundance? Why is this and how so?
7. The Holy Spirit convicts you that you are a child of God. Take time to tell one another how they reflect Jesus in your life.
8. Consider listening to this upbeat song entitled “[Child of God](#)” by Crowder to end your time together.