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**God will Send Another Helper**

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* ***The Spirit Teaches and Reminds***

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**Digging Deeper into John 14-16**

**Ice Breaker:** *Brainstorm together an answer to a seeker who asks you to explain the Trinity. Have someone play the role of the seeker and asks questions to cause you to think through how you would describe the Triune God*. Is the Doctrine of the Trinity essential to Christianity? Why? Or why not?

**Read John 14:15-21**

1. Compare as many translations as you can on v:16 and discuss what Jesus means by “another helper.” Discuss both the practical ramifications for you life regarding the word “*helper*” and what Jesus means by “*another*.”

* Discuss the daily ramifications of the promise that the Spirit will be in us forever and Jesus will never leave us as orphans.

2. According to John 16:7, Jesus says it is better that he goes away so that he can send the Holy Spirit. Why is it better to have the Holy Spirit here and Jesus at the right hand of the Father? Do you really believe this?

3. The Holy Spirit has a multifaceted ministry in our daily lives. Look up the following passages and discuss what John wants us to know about the Spirit’s ministry in our lives. Please take your time on this; discuss both the ministry of the Spirit on you as an individual and on Christians as a group.

***The Spirit Teaches and Reminds*** (John 14:25-27)

* How do you experience the teaching ministry of the Spirit?
* Tell of a time when the Spirit reminded you of a scripture that was meaningful to you.

***The Spirit Points to Jesus*** (John 15:26-27; 16:12-15)

* Tony suggested that the centerpiece of Christianity is Jesus Christ, not the Holy Spirit. How do the passages above inform that statement?
* Do you think that some today in our churches over-emphasize or under-emphasize the Spirit and his ministry? Explain why you might be concerned about this.
* How does Acts 1:8 inform John 15:26-27?

4. There seems to be a lot of disagreement regarding the person and work of the Holy Spirit, express some questions you might regarding this.