

## Small Group Questions | Evidence of Our Love | John 14:15-31



In John 13-17 Jesus took time to intentionally teach the disciples about His upcoming departure. In John 14:15-31 Jesus began with a conditional statement about the disciples' love for Him. Jesus says that love for Him is evidenced by obedience to His commandments. This is a recurring theme throughout today's text. Jesus knew the cross awaited Him, but it seemed that no matter how many times He taught this lesson to the disciples they couldn't grasp it. Today's text also reveals one of the greatest promises from Jesus - the Holy Spirit, which we will learn more about in the next couple of chapters. Read the questions below and discuss them with your group.

1. Neal shared a story about speeding on his drive to seminary. Instead of lying to the officer he told the truth. Share a time when you broke the law and got caught. What was the crime, and what was the punishment?
2. **Read John 14:15, 21, 23-24.** Jesus says that if we love Him, we will obey His commands. As you think about the commands of Jesus, what are some of the most difficult for you to obey? See Matthew 6:34, 7:12, 22:39, 28:19-20.
3. **Read John 14:18-20.** Jesus promises to leave the Holy Spirit who will remain with us even after Jesus departed. Share about a time in your life when you felt lonely but realized that Jesus was still with you, and you received His comfort.
4. In John 14:16 Jesus tells the disciples that He will send the Holy Spirit. In the Old Testament the Holy Spirit came for an event, reason, or purpose. **Read Judges 6:34, 15:14, 1 Samuel 16:14, and 2 Chronicles 24:20.** What is the difference between the momentary experiences in the Old Testament and promise Jesus makes here?
5. Jesus says that our love for Him will be evidenced in our obedience to His commands. **Read John 14:15, 21, 23-24.** Think about how you show love to those who are closest to you. Share examples with your group and the reason why you show love in these ways.
6. The Bible gives us several examples of people who loved God and expressed their love through obedience. **Read Daniel 10:11, James 2:23, Acts 13:22, and John 13:23.** Why is Jesus so repetitive in His instruction for us to love Him?
7. **Read John 14:26.** Jesus said that the Holy Spirit will teach us all things and remind us of everything Jesus said. Share a time when you found yourself in a situation where the Holy Spirit reminded you of the truth of God.
8. Close your time in prayer. Pray for strength to love God through obedience to His commands.