

Frequency

Forgotten God
John 14:16-31

Background & Introduction:

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“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever.” vs. 16

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“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you!” vs. 18

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“After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me ... He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.”

vss. 19a, 21

Application:



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Getting Started

What did you find most helpful from this week's sermon? Was anything confusing? Is there anything that needs clarification? Discuss as a group. If you haven't heard the sermon yet, you can access it at: www.cbcventura.org

Going Deeper

Re-read John 14:15-31

What's something new that you learned? What was most meaningful to you in the background information? Why?

What has been your personal experience of the Holy Spirit? Have you neglected Him? Lived as if He were a non-entity? Explain

If you woke up tomorrow and the Holy Spirit no longer indwelt you, would you notice a practical difference in your life and the way you live? Discuss

Talk about what it means to reach a "middle ground" in terms of our understanding of and response to the Holy Spirit - somewhere between the pendulum swing of ultra-charismatic and benign neglect.

What does it mean that the Holy Spirit is our **Helper**? What is the literal meaning of this word? What does this mean for you personally?

What is meant by the word *another* in the phrase "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper..." in verse 16?

How has God come to you through the Holy Spirit? What has this looked like? How have you seen Him? How has He *disclosed* Himself to you? What has been most meaningful to you?

Discuss the importance of *keeping our eyes open for God and living obediently*. How does sin ruin this/hinder this?

Application

Take your favorite implication/application from the sermon this week and personalize it. What are some specific ways that you can make this truth real in your life this week? Is there someone who can hold you accountable and encourage you in this?

Prayer

Spend some time in prayer thanking God for His Word and what you've learned.

What are some of the prayer needs of your group, your family, your friends?

