



Friendship with God

SERMON GUIDE

FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

John 14:12-31

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

Scripture that stands out to you while you read

Observations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you

Application that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

Prayers that invite God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

Conversation Questions

Setting The Table: When Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" (v.27), He's offering more than the absence of conflict or a fleeting feeling of calm. He's offering shalom—the deep, rich Hebrew concept of peace that means wholeness, harmony, and flourishing in every part of life. In this passage, Jesus invites His disciples into that kind of peace—not through external circumstances, but through friendship with God. The peace of Jesus is not something we achieve, but something we receive in relationship with Him.

Read John 14:12-31

- S** What do you love most about what you just read? What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read these scriptures? Is anything jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** Jesus says that we will do even "greater works" because he is going to the Father and then teaches about prayer (v.13-14). He also mentions that his goal is that "the Father may be glorified in the Son."
 - How do you think it would impact your prayer life if you began with a focus on the glory of God? Does this focus help you to understand what it means to pray "in Jesus' name"?
- O** Make a short list of everything Jesus teaches about the Holy Spirit in verses 16–26. What does he do? What is his relationship with the Father and Son?
 - Why does Jesus think that this is such good news?
- O** What is the relationship between the word/commandments of God, the Holy Spirit, and prayer? How do these three things form the foundation of our Friendship with God?
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A** Has this study encouraged you to reengage with God in prayer and in scripture? How? What will you do this week in response?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.