

June 1/25 "Spirit of Truth" – John 14:15-27; 16:13-16 **(Leader's Guide)**

1. The whole topic of 'truth' is a huge one. What are some ways that it has touched you personally lately?

This could be many things - wrestling with the implications of AI; struggling with being honest with yourself or others; trying to figure out how to have a conversation with someone about 'their truth' and what that means. This will require pastoral sensitivity.

2. How is the understanding of the person and work of Holy Spirit in the Bible becoming clearer through the series?

We have looked at the work of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament being working in creation, inspiring artists and leaders, and giving God's message to the prophets. Last week Jesus told Nicodemus that belonging to the Kingdom of God involved being born through water and the Spirit. This week we get more details about the Holy Spirit's work within believers.

3. John 14:16 says "I will ask the Father, and he will send you another Helper, to be with you forever". There is a lot packed into this little verse. Was there one particular thing that stood out to you from the sermon? Why?

There were four things that were highlighted in the sermon - "Helper", "another", "be with you forever", and "Spirit of Truth" (John 14:17a). If one of them stood out to you more than any of the others, be prepared to share this with the group.

4. What are some meanings of the word Paraclete (translated 'helper' in the ESV)? Are there any that appeal to you more than others? Why?

Some of the meanings of Paraclete include helper, counsellor, comforter, and advocate - the different ways that the Holy Spirit comes alongside us to help us in our kingdom living.

5. How does knowing Jesus as Truth help us navigate a complicated world?

Jesus has both told us how to live according to the truth, and modelled it for us, and it is all about love - 1 John 3: this is how we know we are of the truth.