

COMMUNITY GROUP

DISCUSSION GUIDE

March 15-16

WELCOME/ OPENING PRAYER

PURPOSE: *We are here as a group to make and multiply disciples.*

DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

RELATIONAL WARMUP: Last week we adjusted our clocks, and the weather warmed up. What is one thing you are looking forward to about a new season?

SET THE STAGE: In this passage, Jesus speaks to His disciples about some changes ahead. He is preparing to leave, and the Holy Spirit will come. Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would bring correction to our spiritual vision. Those of us in the Kingdom of God have blurred spiritual sight—like Jesus' first disciples, we do not understand God, ourselves, or grace, but the Holy Spirit leads us into all truth. The Holy Spirit is like corrective lenses for our spiritual sight.

READ THE PASSAGE: *John 16:4b-15*

HEAD QUESTIONS: What do we learn about the Holy Spirit in this passage? Pay attention to the action words. Why does Jesus tell the disciples it will be “to your advantage that I go away”? How do you think the disciples reacted when Jesus said that?

HEART QUESTIONS: As we reviewed the roles of the Holy Spirit, is there one that stood out? Why? Can you share an example of a time in your life when you saw the Holy Spirit at work in one of these ways? This passage has a contrast between what the disciples know and what they don't yet know. Does this remind you of a place where you feel “in between” or uncertain? What does this passage teach us about moments like this?

HANDS QUESTIONS: When we think about sharing our faith with others, what is our role and what is the Holy Spirit's role? How can we pay attention to the Holy Spirit at work in us and in others? What reminder of the Holy Spirit's work will you hold onto this week? How can we pray in response to this truth?

TAKEAWAY

CLOSING PRAYER