

WEEK 4: Promised Comforter: The King Who Won't Abandon Us

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

PREPARE

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MAIN POINT

Jesus promised His followers. “I will not leave you as orphans,” and promised Another—the Spirit who will be with us forever. Jesus even insists it is better for us to have the Spirit within us than Jesus beside us. The Spirit is our Comforter, but is also the One who is with us as we are commissioned to take the gospel to all nations.

LEAN IN BREAK THE ICE

Have you ever gotten truly lost before? What happened? What was it like?

If you had to choose between spending an entire day alone or an entire day with a group of people, do you know which you would choose? Why did you make the choice you did?

LOOK DOWN LOOK AT GOD'S WORD

Read John 15:15-27.

Who does Jesus say that God will send once Jesus has gone home to be with His Father?

In verse 26, what word is used to describe the Holy Spirit in your translation (Helper, Counselor, Advocate, etc.)? What does that word imply about the Holy Spirit?

LOOK OUT
IDENTIFY THE
RELEVANCE OF GOD'S
WORD IN THE WORLD

Where does our culture look for comfort most often apart from God?

Why is it sometimes difficult for Christians to rely on the comfort and help of the Holy Spirit in everyday life?

How does our modern idea of “individualism” and “pulling ourselves up by our bootstraps” affect our ability to rely on God?

LOOK IN
APPLY GOD'S WORD
TO YOUR LIFE

Do you live as though you have been left orphaned by God or given a comforting, counseling Holy Spirit?

Are you more likely to rely on God in a difficult period of life, or try to solve your problems on your own? How might this passage help you?

What would it look like for you to consciously and intentionally depend on the Spirit this week instead of relying on your own will and strength?