

The _____ of John 14:12-31:
To _____ is the Spirit given and _____ is His work?

1. The Spirit is given to those who _____ and _____ Jesus. (14:15)
2. The Spirit is the _____ of Jesus _____ us. (14:16-17)
3. The Spirit empowers us for the _____ and _____ of Jesus. (14:12-13)
4. The Spirit teaches us the _____ of Jesus. (14:26)
5. The Spirit imparts the _____ of Jesus. (14:27)

TAKE ACTION

This week, REVIEW the 5 truths about the work of the Spirit in John 14 and REFLECT on that work in your life. This week, as you “work out your salvation”, ask the Lord to make you more aware of how the Spirit is “working in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.” (See Philippians 2:12-13)

NEXT WEEK: I AM the True Vine | John 15:1-17

JOHN

LIFE IN JESUS

Jesus and the Blessing of the Spirit

John 14:12-31

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The work of the Spirit in our lives is confusing, mysterious, and often difficult to discern. Jesus teaches 5 vital and valuable truths about the work of the Spirit here in John 14.

The _____ of John 14:
Why Jesus' _____ is better than His ongoing physical _____?

1. Jesus goes to prepare a _____ by accomplishing our salvation through the cross and resurrection. (14:1-4)
2. Jesus becomes the _____, the _____, and the _____ through the cross and resurrection. (14:6)
3. Jesus shows us the _____ of the Triune God through the cross and resurrection. (14:7-11)
4. Jesus gives the _____ as a gift that flows from the cross and resurrection. (14:12-31)

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CONNECT *(ask this question to check-in with your group)*

In your own life and church experience, do you think the work of the Spirit has been over emphasized, underemphasized, or Biblically balanced? ("too hot, too cold or just right"?)

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read John 14:12-31 together as a group. How did you "come under" God's Word and the message this week? How did this text/message speak to you?
2. What are the wide angle perspectives in John 13-17 and John 14? What is happening in these broader contexts? What is the zoom focus of John 14:12-31 and how does the zoom perspective connect to the wide angle perspective? Can you prove the wide angle and zoom perspectives using the text of John 14?

3. What are reasons the work of the Spirit is sometimes neglected or under-taught in church?
4. In John 14, we looked at 5 things Jesus teaches about the work of the Spirit. Can you build that list together by looking at the John 14 text, but not the outline? Work that text and give it a go!
5. Which of the 5 things Jesus teaches about the work of the Spirit in John 14 is most meaningful to you today and why?
6. If we don't often "feel" the work of the Spirit, why is it still important and valuable to know what the Bible teaches about the work of the Spirit? How can knowing the work of the Spirit help us?

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Use John 14 as a springboard to pray for a greater awareness and surrender to the work of the Spirit in our lives.
- Share and pray for one another's life needs.