

Teach You All Things

John 14:25-31



Background:

This Sunday, we return to the Gospel of John where Jesus will teach us more about the Holy Spirit. Here at PBCC, one of our family values is "Life in the Spirit." On our website, we say the Spirit "is who connects us to Jesus, enables us to know him and empowers us to make him known." After exploring this text, we may need to re-word that description because the Spirit is doing much more than what we have listed there. Join us Sunday as we learn more about the ministry and effect of the Holy Spirit.

Sermon Text (ESV):

John 14:25-31

25 “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. 28 You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. 29 And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. 30 I will no longer talk much with you,

for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, 31 but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

Discussion Questions:

- Preparation
 - What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
 - What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?
- Sermon Questions
 - As you reflect on the sermon, what stands out to you most?
 - In verses 25-26 we read about the Spirit's Ministry to us, which is to teach us all things and bring to our remembrance what Jesus has done:
 - Share an example with your group about how the Spirit (Paraclete) has brought to your remembrance the words or deeds of Jesus.
 - Shawn pointed out that in order to be reminded we must first know/have heard already. What day(s)/time(s) work for you to focus your attention on soaking in the gospel? How have you relied on the Spirit to then bring the gospels' words of life to mind at the right time?
 - In verses 27-31 we learned about the Spirit's Effect on us, specifically regarding peace, love, and fearlessness:
 - The world today promises a false & shallow peace of comfort, happiness and/or prosperity, but it can't reach our hearts. How has the Spirit entered your life and brought "shalom" (the fully alive life) to your relationship with God, others, yourself, and/or creation?
 - Where do you specifically need peace or shalom today?
 - Because the Spirit is in us, we need not be afraid, because the ruler of this world is ultimately powerless...
 - However, it can often *seem* like darkness is winning. Is there a circumstance in your life where darkness seems to be winning? How does/can it encourage you that Jesus is on the throne, and that things are not always as they appear?