



## LEARNER GUIDE

### John 14:1-6

Who is Jesus? Jesus is our loving invitation to \_\_\_\_\_.

### John 15:1-11

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### John 16:5-15

The Holy Spirit works with us, exposing sin, which is the truth about \_\_\_\_\_; convincing righteousness, which is the truth about \_\_\_\_\_, and warning judgment, which is the inevitable \_\_\_\_\_ of these two truths.

Who is Jesus? Jesus is our loving invitation to God's \_\_\_\_\_ with the Holy Spirit's \_\_\_\_\_.

### John 17:6-19

Who is Jesus? Jesus is our loving invitation to \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_.

### John 17:20-26

Who is Jesus? Jesus in our loving invitation to \_\_\_\_\_.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Has anyone ever told you that they believe Jesus is a way, not The Way? How did you respond?
2. Can you think of a time when Jesus pruned you? What did that look like in your life?
3. What does it look like to be kept by Jesus *in* the world, but not *of* the world?
4. Jesus prayed for unity, not uniformity among believers. What's the difference? And can the Church be unified yet disagree?
5. In John 17:12, who was the *son of destruction* (or *son of perdition*), and why didn't the Lord preserve him?

# PERSONAL STUDY

## Part One

*Read John 14-15.*

In Exodus 3:14, God revealed Himself to Moses by the name I AM because God is the One who “is, and was, and is to come” (Revelation 1:8). In the Book of John, Jesus makes known that He is God in the flesh by revealing Himself through seven I AM statements. John 14 and 15 give us those final two statements. Complete the chart below to review all seven.

	Scripture Reference	I AM Statement
1	John 6:35	
2	John 8:12	
3	John 10:7	
4	John 10:11	
5	John 11:25	
6	John 14:6	
7	John 15:1	

When Jesus said, “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life,” He guaranteed believers that we have an invitation and a place in heaven. Read these verses and record what they reveal about heaven:

**Matthew 16:9**

**Hebrews 11:16**

**1 Peter 1:3-5**

Heaven is a wonderful gift from a wonderful God. John 14-15 tell us additional gifts believers receive when we receive Jesus. Read the Scripture below and identify the gift described in each.

**John 14:13-14**

**John 14:16-17**

**John 14:27**

**John 15:11**

**John 15:15**

Close in prayer, thanking God for heaven, the privilege of prayer, the help of the Holy Spirit, and the gifts of Jesus’ peace, joy and friendship.

## Part Two

Read John 16.

Complete the statement from a portion of **John 16:5**:

None of you asks me, \_\_\_\_\_

Now look at **John 13:36**. What did Peter ask Jesus?

Why do you think that Jesus said in John 16 that no one asked where He was going?

Jesus knows the heart behind our words. When Peter asked, the motivation for his question was wanting to know what would happen to the disciples when Jesus left this world. Peter only had in mind what Jesus' parting meant for him. The disciples had yet to really question Jesus' destination and what that meant.

Jesus assured His disciples that the very parting that they were so worried about was actually to their benefit. Look again at **John 16:7**. Why was Jesus' parting to their advantage?

Look back at **John 14:12-17**. What do you think Jesus meant by *greater works* in verse 12?

Jesus did not mean greater as in *more sensational*. Instead, Jesus promised He would leave behind a victorious, working family of followers who would spread His kingdom to more people and places than Jesus did in His earthly ministry. The disciples didn't have to wait long to see that promise fulfilled. On the day of Pentecost, 3,000 people placed their faith in Jesus after Peter preached the Gospel. That's more than were added during Jesus' entire 3-year earthly ministry!

Jesus' work in the world has become the work of believers. And it's the Holy Spirit who empowers that work. The Greek word for *Holy Spirit* in the Gospel of John is *parakletos*. It's a word unique to John's writing. Visit [biblehub.com/greek/3875.htm](http://biblehub.com/greek/3875.htm) and record what you learn about the Holy Spirit, our *parakletos*, below:

Close in prayer, thanking God for the opportunity to reveal Jesus through the help of the Holy Spirit to a lost and dying world.

## Part Three

*Read John 17.*

Jesus concludes His farewell speech that began in Chapter 14 with a prayer in the presence of His disciples. Look again at each section of the prayer and identify who Jesus was praying for in each.

**John 17:1-5**

**John 17:6-19**

**John 17:20-26**

In the first section of Chapter 17, Jesus prayed for Himself, but His prayer was not selfish. Jesus prayed that His crucifixion, resurrection and ascension back to the Father would bring glory to God. Then Jesus prayed for His disciples. He prayed for God to preserve and sanctify them, especially in light of the persecution they would face in His name. Finally Jesus concluded His prayer by praying for YOU!

John 17 is often referred to as “Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer.” Read **Exodus 28:29** and answer the questions below to discover why it has been given that title.

In what role did Aaron serve? (*Reference Exodus 28:1 if you need help.*)

What is to be written on Aaron’s breastplate?

What did God command Aaron to do with the names written on the breastplate?

Aaron, and each high priest after him, bore the names of the tribes of Israel before the presence of God in the tabernacle and the temple. So now, Jesus, the great High Priest, carried His disciples and future believers into the Holy Presence of His heavenly Father. And then He secured access to that presence forever through His work on the cross.

Record what the world called Jesus in each of the following passages.

**John 10:33**

**Matthew 11:19**

**John 7:20**

**John 8:41**

The world called Jesus a blasphemer, a glutton, a drunkard, an associate of sinners, and illegitimate, among other terrible things. Jesus believed none of it because none of it was true. At the end, Jesus could confidently say, “I have declared to them your Name!”

Close in prayer, asking the Lord to help you believe what is true about yourself, not what the world says and thanking Jesus for praying for you!

## Heart-to-Heart

Spend some time with Jesus using one of the suggestions below. Remember to reference the RESOURCES pages to help you.

- Revisit a verse or passage that stuck out to you this week. Compare the text in a few different Bible translations or do a word study on a few key words.
- Read a commentary on John 14-17.
- Journal about what you learned through His Word this week.
- Spend time in prayer, focusing on what the Holy Spirit revealed to you through your study of John 14-17.
- Record any questions you still have about the text.

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## Looking Ahead

Read John 18:1-20:18.

Use the space below to record anything that jumps out to you or any questions that come to mind about the text.

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