

## Hearing from God | John 14:25-26

### Opening Activity

*The opening activity is designed to help you move into the lesson portion of your meeting time. These icebreaker questions will help engage your group members in conversation.*

- **Have you ever said one thing, yet a person heard something else? Can you share about this experience with the group?**
- **When was the last time you “heard” from God? How did He speak to you?**

### Scripture Reading

*Ask one of your group members to read the Scripture; make sure they are comfortable with reading in front of a group.*

#### John 14:25-26

<sup>25</sup> “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> 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.

### Transition to the Video

*As the leader, you will want to help the group move into the video session and direct them to the notes section in their participant guide. There are different ways to accomplish this transition, here are two examples:*

- **Pray for your group**
- **Introduce the video by saying “Let’s watch the video and then answer the following questions together.”**

### Notes from the Video

1. Jesus has left to be with the Father, but He has not left us as **orphans**. (vs. 25)
2. The Holy Spirit **illuminates** the Word for us as we interact with the truth of the Scripture. (vs. 26)
3. The Holy Spirit is the “paraclete” and acts as our **advocate** by coming “along beside” us. (vs. 26)

## Transition from the Video

In John chapter fourteen, we have a long discourse from Jesus as He promises the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit after He is gone to be with the Father. He has prepared His disciples to walk in His ways, but He knows that the mission He is to give them following His death, burial and resurrection will be one that must be lived in the Spirit and not in the flesh. The believer's constant and abiding relationship with Christ will be built on two primary things:

- The Scriptures
- The ability to keep in step with the Spirit

Keeping these in mind, let's take a look at the discussion questions found in the study guide.

## Discussion Questions

1. How do you experience God talking to you?
2. Describe a time where you "felt" alone, like God or others had abandoned you. How would you describe how you felt at that time?
3. This passage is directed to the disciples, and Jesus promises the Holy Spirit will teach you all things. What is the Holy Spirit teaching you?
4. If the Holy Spirit is our helper and turns our attention to Jesus as the way, do you feel you are on a "bumpy dead-end street," or a "four-lane highway?" Why?

## Daily/Weekly Application

1. What steps are you going to take to make sure you are letting the Spirit recall to you the things taught in Scripture?
2. We all feel alone now and then. What steps will you take this week to ensure that your brothers and sisters in your Life Group know that they can rely on the Spirit's guidance, the truth found in the Word, and the love experienced in the fellowship of the local church? Who do you need to "come along beside" you?

## Group Prayer

*Take some time to pray the following two truths over each other in your Life Group.*

- Pray that your Life Group will hear from the Lord and obey what He says.
- Pray for each Life Group member to have a vested interest in one another.