**JESUS IS...THE LIFE GIVER**

**John 14:15-21**

* **The most significant promise that Jesus gave all who would follow Him is to give them life.**
* Jesus - *“Soon the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me. Since I live, you also will live. When I am raised to life again, you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you.”* (John 14:19-20)
* **The key to finding the answer to life is discovering the solution to death- His name is Jesus.**
* *“Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me.”* (John 14:6)

***Having The Life That Jesus Gives Means:***

**OUR LIVES WILL BE EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT**

* Jesus - *“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever.”* (John 14:16)
* **Jesus promises we will have the help we need to accomplish the mission that He has left for us.**
* **With the Holy Spirit’s presence, God can do great miracles in and through our lives and can use us as agents of change.**
* **The great things Jesus was doing before His ascension are to be continued through His church, who is empowered by the Holy Spirit.**

***Having The Life That Jesus Gives Means:***

**WE ARE ABLE TO WALK IN THE TRUTH**

* Jesus - *“He is the Spirit of truth. The world is unable to receive him because it doesn’t see him or know him. But you do know him, because he remains with you and will be in you.”* (John 14:17).
* **The Holy Spirit is called another advocate, which implies that He is one like Jesus coming alongside to help believers.**
* Jesus - *“Enter through the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who go through it. 14 How narrow is the gate and difficult the road that leads to life, and few find it.”* (Matthew 7:13-14)
* **The Holy Spirit teaches us to go against the grain of what seems normal and natural in order to live supernaturally.**

***Having The Life That Jesus Gives Means:***

**HE WILL NEVER ABANDON US**

* Jesus - *“No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you.”* (John 14:18)
* **Jesus assures us that the Holy Spirit will never leave us, that we are constantly in His care (John 14:16).**
* *“He protects his flock like a shepherd; he gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them in the fold of his garment. He gently leads those that are nursing.”* (Isaiah 40:11)
* **In our relationship with Jesus, we don’t have to guard our heart or brace up for the moment when He leaves.**

***Having The Life That Jesus Gives Means:***

**WE WILL FIND PURPOSE AND MEANING IN LIFE**

* Jesus - *“19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you.”* (John 14:19-20)
* **Jesus declared that we who believe would see Him even when others wouldn’t.**
* *“But the person without the Spirit does not receive what comes from God’s Spirit, because it is foolishness to him; he is not able to understand it since it is evaluated spiritually.”* (1 Corinthians 2:14)
* **The fact is if we are looking for “Real Life” with purpose and meaning outside of Jesus, the only Life Giver, we are wasting our time.** (See John 10:10)

**CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION**

**Ice Breaker:** Describe a time when you felt most alive and exhilarated.

**Start thinking:**

* What do we learn about God/Jesus from John 14:15-21?
* How would you describe the Holy Spirit to someone who is not a Christian, or is a new believer?
* How can we know that Jesus is present and working our lives?

**Start sharing. Discuss in depth to create openness.**

* What are some evidences of the Spirit empowered life?
* How can we know that the life that Jesus gives can truly satisfy?
* Am I living the abundant life that only comes from Jesus, and if not, how am I willing to allow Jesus make necessary changes in my life?
* What is your “Big Takeaway” from this message?

**Pray**

* Share prayer requests and pray for each other.
* Pray for our community to be open to the Gospel.
* Pray for our church, and leadership.
* Pray for our government leaders, and local leaders.
* Pray about anything else the Holy Spirit leads you to pray for.