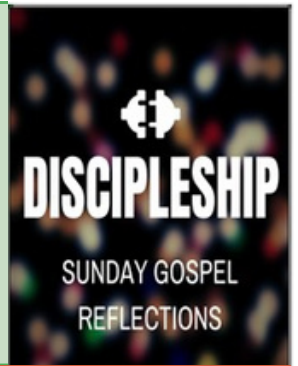


In preparation for May 10, 2026, Sixth Sunday of Easter

Theme - Never Alone - God's Spirit is with us

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you."

John 14:15-21 (verses 16-17)



Adults -

1. Jesus assures the apostles and us that he will be with us in his earthly absence through the gift of the Holy Spirit. How does this assurance give you peace and comfort? How do you pray and rely on the Holy Spirit when faced with the challenges of the world?

2. Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to all who love him and keep his commandments. Take some time to reflect on the commandments. Where have you been successful? Where have you fallen short?

3. When speaking of Jesus to others, how do you express the hope you have in Christ Jesus?

Obstacles for living out the Gospel: Forgetting the assurances that Jesus gives us.

Teens -

1. The Holy Spirit is called an Advocate or helper. Who in your life stands up for you, supports you, or guides you when things are hard - and how is the Holy Spirit similar to or different from that kind of help?

2. When Jesus talks about keeping His commandments, He isn't just giving rules to control us - He's showing us how to live in a way that protects our hearts, relationships, and future. His commands come from love, like a parent who sets boundaries. He sees what can hurt us and wants to lead us toward what gives real life. Why do you think those loving boundaries can feel especially hard to follow as a teenager?

3. Jesus says loving Him leads to being seen by Him. How does knowing God sees you affect your confidence, decisions, or sense of purpose?

Obstacles to living out the Gospel: It can be hard to rely on spiritual help that isn't physically visible.

Children -

1. Have you had an experience of the Holy Spirit's presence or guidance, and you didn't recognize it until later when you thought back on the experience? What was that like to discover that the Holy Spirit was there helping you?

2. When have you had an experience of feeling peace, comfort, or strength despite being in a hard situation?

3. Can you think of a time when it was hard to do the right thing? Do you think it helps to ask the Holy Spirit for help in times of struggle? Why or why not?

4. What is a situation in your life right now for which you could use guidance from the Holy Spirit?

Obstacles to living out the Gospel: Not seeking the Holy Spirit in times of struggle.