



# Life Guide

## applying God's Word to life

### Jesus Gives Blessings to Believers

#### May 25-28, 2019

(John 14:23-29)

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup> He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. <sup>25</sup> "All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. <sup>28</sup> "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>28</sup> I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

**KIDS TOO!** 1. Share one thing you're thankful for. Share one thing you'd like prayers for.

2. It is impossible to obey God without love for God. Why?

3. In verse 23 Jesus isn't challenging his disciples' love. He's describing his relationship with believers. Back up that claim with three reasons.

(Hint: Respond based on the context of chapter 14.

Respond based on the question in v. 22.

Respond based on the fact that our love for Jesus doesn't need to be perfect to be real.)

4. God promises some blessings for everyone (Matthew 5:45), and some blessings for only believers (John 14:23-24). List a few differences between those two kinds of blessings.

5. "My Father will love him." (v. 23) Luther said this should be our response to Satan's most destructive lies. What are Satan's lies and in what ways does Jesus' statement answer them?

6. In what ways is God the Father and Jesus living within you (v.23) similar to the worldly version of companionship? In what ways is it better?

7. John 14:26 gives the Holy Spirit's job description. In what ways does he accomplish that job?

8. In what ways is the Holy Spirit teaching you (v. 26) similar to the worldly version of education? In what ways is it better?

9. In what ways is Jesus' peace (v.27) similar to the worldly version of peace? In what ways is Jesus peace better?

10. Even though you know God's version of all these blessings is better, list some reasons you might long for earthly blessings more?

11. Alternate translations of v. 23 say, "if anyone loves me, he will keep my word." Then Jesus lists all his blessings. If your friend began to forget about Jesus' blessings, what are some practical ways you could help them remember them?

12. Tomorrow someone asks, "What did you talk about at life group?" What will you tell them?