

## applying God's Word to life

## The Triune God Lives in You May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## John 14:15-21

15 "If you love me, keep my commands. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

- 1. When you hear the first verse, "If you love me, keep my commands," how does it strike you personally? What feelings and emotions does it bring?
- 2. Jesus points us to keep his "commands" two different times in this section. Why does he equate obedience with love?

- 3. Who is the "other advocate" that Jesus promises to send and how might we picture this advocate's work?
- 4. Jesus tells believers, "You know [the Spirit of truth], for he lives with you and will be in you." How are we personally able to know He is in us?
- 5. Focus on **verse 16**. For what reasons can't the world see or know or accept the "Spirit of truth"?
- 6. In Luke 24:49, the risen Jesus refers to the promise he makes here in verse 16. "I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

  When is this promise fulfilled then and now?
- 7. Jesus promises, "I will not leave you as orphans." Describe the comfort this gives for the 1) disciples, 2) and you, considering all we're facing right now?
- 8. Certainly Jesus is looking ahead when he promises, "Because I live, you also will live!" When does this "living" really start?
- 9. The Triune God lives in you! How does this jaw-dropping realization empower you to love and obey his commands?