

# Connect Group Notes

Sermon: Encounters with Jesus: Anxious Followers

Reading: John 14: 15-27

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (AM)

- What have you read in the Bible recently that has encouraged or challenged you?
- What answers to prayer have you seen?
- Have you had any opportunities to talk to someone about the Lord?

Spend a few minutes sharing personal prayer requests and then pray together.

## Read John 14:15-27

1. In verse 16 Jesus promises “another advocate.” What does this imply about Jesus’ own role as Advocate, and what does it tell us about the Spirit’s identity?
2. Why is it essential that the Spirit is *God*, not merely a force or created being? How would the promise of Jesus’ presence collapse if the Spirit were less than divine?
3. When have you felt spiritually “orphaned”? How does the truth that the Spirit is God-with-us speak into that experience?
4. In verse 19 Jesus says, “Because I live, you also will live.” How does this connect to the Spirit’s work of uniting believers to Christ?
5. How does union with Christ differ from merely admiring Jesus as a historical figure?
6. How does knowing that Christ’s life is your life change the way you face suffering, temptation, or uncertainty?
7. In verse 26 Jesus says the Spirit will “teach you all things” and “remind you” of Jesus’ words. How was this promise fulfilled for the apostles? How does it apply to us today?
8. What would change in your life if you truly believed you are never spiritually alone?

## Prayer

- What encouragements or challenges have you found personally in this passage? Pray about them now.
- Pray for any you know in the church family who are struggling at the moment.