

1. Opening Prayer

2. Intro: The Holy Spirit in John

a. Leon Morris (1914-2006. Anglican minister)

Jesus' public ministry started with the Holy Spirit's arrival (1:32-34).

The Holy Spirit was fully revealed through Jesus' ministry (3:34).

The death of Jesus was necessary for the Holy Spirit's ministry (7:37-39).

The Holy Spirit as the lawyer of Jesus (14:16-17, 26, 15:26, 16:7-11)

The Holy Spirit was given to the church (20:21-23)

b. Raymond Brown (1928-1998. Sulpician minister)

The unity between God and Jesus is expanded with the Holy Spirit (14:15-17, 18-22, and 23-24)

The Holy Spirit who is against the world (14:17) teaches (14:26) the disciples.

c. Howard Marshall (1934-2015. Evangelical Methodist)

The Holy Spirit as "another advocate" (14:16), and "advocate" implies more than the role and power of the Holy Spirit. It is related with the personality of the Holy Spirit.

The eternal life, symbolized as "water," is identified with the Holy Spirit given to the believers (7:37-38)

3. Structure of Chs. 14-16

Jesus' leaving and coming again (Ch. 14)

Jesus' leaving and comforting the disciples (14:1-7)

Jesus' conversation with the disciples (14:8-14)

Jesus' coming again and the Holy Spirit (14:15-31)

Jesus as the true vine (Ch. 15)

Jesus' relation with the disciples (15:1-8)

The inter-relations between Jesus and the disciples (15:9-17)

Jesus and the disciples' relation with the world (15:18-27)

Jesus' leaving and the Holy Spirit's coming (Ch. 16)

Jesus' words to the disciples (16:1-15)

Jesus' leaving and the Holy Spirit's coming (16:16-24)

The Holy Spirit's coming and Jesus' victory (16:25-33)

4. Let us read John Ch. 14

5. Discussion

- a. Why do you think Jesus said, “do not let your hearts be troubled?” (v.1)
- b. How shall we understand “in my father’s house” in verse 2?
- c. How shall we understand Jesus’ coming again in verse 3?
- d. How do you understand Jesus’ answer to Thomas in verse 6?
- e. In the conversation with Phillip, what does Jesus want the disciples to believe?
- f. What was Jesus answer to Judas in verse 22?
- g. Why is keeping the commandment important?

6. Let us read John. Ch. 15

7. Discussion

- a. Why do you think Jesus describes the relationship with the disciples as the grapevines?
Read Jer. 2:21, Isa. 5:1-10, Ez. 15:1-8, and Ps. 80:8-11
- b. Can you understand v. 3 in regard to 13:10?
- c. How do you understand the verb “abide”?
- d. Why do you think Jesus said, “servants are not greater than their master” in v. 20?
- e. Verses 26-27 seem to be out of context. Do you agree or not?

8. Closing Prayer