

Preparing the Disciples for the Future

Lesson aim: To discuss the Holy Spirit and what He would do in the lives of the apostles

Questions about His destination, the Father, and the Holy Spirit answered--14:1-31

- 1. What comforting promise did Jesus give His disciples? How does it continue to bring comfort to disciples today?*
- 2. List some of the claims that Jesus made for Himself in this chapter. To what did He appeal as a basis for accepting His claims?*
- 3. Is it possible in light of them to say that Jesus was merely a "good man"? Can Christianity be seen as one of many authentic ways to God?*
- 4. What would Jesus' ascension to the Father mean for those who believed in Him? (v. 12-14)*
- 5. What did Jesus say about the Holy Spirit? What would His mission be?*
- 6. What principles of discipleship did Jesus stress in this discourse? What blessings would come to the disciples as they lived by these principles?*

The Vine and the branches--15:1-17

- 1. How does the figure of a grape vine appropriately describe the relationship of Jesus with His disciples? What lessons did Jesus use this metaphor to teach His disciples?*
- 2. How would you refute the common denominational explanation of this metaphor that Jesus is the vine and churches are the branches?*
- 3. Upon what condition did Jesus assure His disciples that they would abide in His love and prove themselves His true friends? How had Jesus demonstrated His friendship toward the disciples?*
- 4. What important command did Jesus give to His disciples concerning their relationship with each other? To what extent did Jesus teach His disciples should love each other? How did He model this love?*

For discussion:



In a context promising miraculous activity for the apostles, how does the modern disciple apply the message of John chapter fourteen? Should he expect to perform miracles like the apostles did?