

STUDY GUIDE

September 21

STAY IN THE LOOP

Announcements



- Are you sensing that God may be leading you into a new step of faith - whether that's pastoral ministry, church planting, marketplace leadership, starting a nonprofit, pursuing theological education, or something not yet clearly defined? Join our Called for Greater Things Conference on Saturday, October 18, 9am-3:45pm. Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/37b7asyv>

START WITH PRAYER

Use this Prayer Prompt

Praise God for His promise that we are never abandoned - Jesus is with us through His Spirit. Ask God to help us trust His presence when life feels uncertain or overwhelming. Ask God to make His love visible through us, so that others can see Jesus in our words and actions.

STUDY THE BIBLE

Think through and discuss your reactions as you read through Scripture:

John 14: 18-23

John 20:30-31

STIR UP DISCUSSION

How does this week's teaching affect me personally?

1. Jesus promises, *"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."* How does this promise shape the way we handle seasons of loneliness, doubt, or uncertainty?
2. Think about a time you felt abandoned or overwhelmed. How did you see God's presence with you in that season, or how might you have recognized Him more clearly.
3. John wrote his Gospel *"that you may believe... and that by believing you may have life in his name"* (John 20:31). What helps you strengthen your belief in Jesus when life feels discouraging or confusing?
4. Verse 21 says, *"Whoever has my commands and obeys them is the one who loves me."* Why do you think obedience is such a powerful expression of love for Jesus?
5. The sermon challenges us to consider, *"Is the WE our world longs to see Jesus in us?"* What would it look like for our church community to show Jesus more clearly to the people around us? What's one practical step you can take this week to let others see *Jesus in you* - whether at home, at work, or in your community?

STEP INTO ACTION

Let's try to apply this by taking some Next Steps.

1. **Remember Who you believe in.** When fear, loneliness, or doubt rises up this week, pause and remind yourself of Jesus' promise: *"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."* Write this verse somewhere visible and return to it daily.
2. **Surrender a part of your life to God.** Identify one area (fear, anxiety, pride, or control) that you've been holding onto, and intentionally release it to God in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to guide you instead of "shushing" Him.

3. **Show Jesus through love.** Do one tangible act of love for someone this week - especially someone who might not expect it. This could be forgiving, encouraging, serving, or simply being present. Let Jesus' love in you become visible to others.