

Thornbury Baptist Church  
Small Group Discussion Questions

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**Talk title:** The Power of Pentecost – The Fulfilled Promise

**Passage:** John 14:15-21

**Speaker:** Jason Clarke

**Discussion Questions**

- v15,16,17. The Spirit is promised to those who love Jesus and keep his commands. How does this connect with Peter's invitation on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:38)? The Spirit is a gift, but how do we prepare to receive the gift?
- v17. The promised Holy Spirit is described as '*another* helper'. In other words, just as Jesus had helped the disciples when he was '*with* them' (17), the Spirit would do the same when he would be '*in* them'. The Spirit is the form that Jesus now takes in the lives of his followers.
  - How does it help to think of the Holy Spirit as '*Jesus in me*'.
  - What kind of help did Jesus give the first disciples and therefore what kind of help does he still offer through the indwelling Spirit?
- v.18. How might the disciples have felt 'like orphans' when Jesus left them? How will the promised Spirit help them deal with their loss of Jesus?
- v20. 'On that day' (i.e. when the Spirit is poured out) there will be a deeper appreciation of our close relationship with Jesus and God the Father. How does Romans 8:14-16 add to our understanding of this verse? What is people's experience of these verses in the group?
- v21. Again, Jesus connects obedience, with love for him, and with him making his home with us through the Spirit. What questions do these connections raise for people in the group?
- In a time of silence, ask the group to sit with these verses. Ask them to try to sit where the disciples were when Jesus was talking to them in these verses. After several minutes ask:
  - How would they have felt by the end of verse 21?
  - What questions might they have had?

**Takeaway**

What is the main thing each person is taking away from this discussion?

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