

## **September 11**

### John 14:15-26

This is the second part of the section known as the “farewell discourse” of Jesus. In these verses, he promises believers that God will be present with us through the Holy Spirit.

*Question to Consider:*

What does it mean to you to know that God is actually *with you* all the time?

*Prayer:*

Father God, I thank you for your presence in my life. I pray that I will always look to you for guidance and strength, and that I will live my life each day as you would have me live it. In the name of Christ I pray, Amen.

## **September 12**

### John 14:27-31

This is the third part of the section known as the “farewell discourse” of Jesus. In these verses, he speaks about the peace that he offers to each of us.

*Question to Consider:*

Is there a part of your life from which peace is missing? What area of life is it, and how might Jesus help you find the peace that he offers?

*Prayer:*

Loving God, I give thanks that in Christ I can find peace, and yet in *(name the area of your life)* I don't feel peace. Please help me to find it. I open my life and my heart to you. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

## **September 13**

### John 15:1-8

This is the fourth part of the “farewell discourse,” and in these verses Jesus speaks of the importance of remaining in a close relationship with him.

*Question to Consider:*

Jesus says that if we remain in him we can “bear much fruit.” Think about what you are good at and what you like to do. How might you “bear fruit” for Jesus?

*Prayer:*

Merciful God, I pray that I live my life in a relationship with Jesus, and that I will always be able to do good things – to bear fruit - for you. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## September 14

### John 15:9-17

In this section of the “farewell discourse,” Jesus speaks about the love that he brings, and he also refers to his followers as “friends.”

*Question to Consider:*

What does it mean to you to know that as a follower of Christ, Jesus calls you his *friend*?

*Prayer:*

Gracious God, it is difficult for me to grasp the extent of the love of Jesus. I thank you for Christ, and for his incredible love. I thank you that I am a friend of Jesus. I pray that I can love like he loves. In his name I pray, Amen.

## September 15

### John 16:16-22

In this final reading from the “farewell discourse,” Jesus speaks about the joy his followers will find at the time of his resurrection.

*Question to Consider:*

The disciples had a hard time understanding what Jesus was saying. Is there a teaching of Jesus that you find especially difficult to understand? Which one is it?

*Prayer:*

Loving God, I know that your ways are not my ways, but I do seek greater understanding. Help me to understand when Jesus says (*name the teaching of Jesus that puzzles you*). I seek to know him better and love him more. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.