

An Evening with Jesus Discussion Guide
Lesson 3 - Never Alone
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This study guide is based on the message that is available on YouTube.

Opening Discussion: Share a frightening situation you had to face alone.

Dive Deeper:

1. Read John 14:15-18. What does Jesus say he *will* do and what does he say the Father *will* do as a result of the disciples' love and obedience? How many times does Jesus use the word *will* in this passage? How would these repeated promises have reassured the disciples in Jesus' absence?
2. According to Hebrews 6:18, 10:23, and 1 Corinthians 1:9 how reliable are God's words and promises? What situations cause you to question God's presence or if he might abandon you? How do these verses encourage you to trust God?
3. What legitimate concerns would the disciples have had about Jesus leaving them alone? According to John 14:18, how do we know that Jesus wouldn't leave the disciples to their own peril?
4. Read John 16:5-15 NLT. Why would it be best for Jesus to return to the Father? Who did Jesus promise to send to the disciples so they would not be left alone? Discuss other descriptive names for the Advocate in other versions of John 16:7.
5. Read John 14:16-17, 26; 15:26; 16:8, 13-14, and discuss the truths and tasks of the Holy Spirit regarding believers and the world. Share a task you cannot do by yourself at work or home. Who do you call upon to accomplish the task? How is this similar to the Advocate assisting both the disciples and us in our daily lives?
6. Read Ephesians 1:13-14. Share how the promised Holy Spirit has helped, comforted, counseled, ministered, or befriended you. How are you willing to become more aware of His daily presence so you might live a fuller life?

The Holy Spirit is the very presence of God. He helps us live as God has instructed us, since we are not capable within our own strength. The Holy Spirit was given to believers to work with, in, and for us. **Believers are NEVER expected to do life alone.**

“And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:20b