



Discussion Guide for “The Advocate”

Winds of Change Week 2

None of us likes to feel put on the spot, singled out or attacked. That's part of what makes sharing our faith so scary - who knows how people are going to react! But before Jesus left us, he promised the Holy Spirit would be our Advocate. What does that mean? And how does the Spirit advocate for us in the world?

Scriptures for Further Reading

[John 14:16-27](#)

[John 20:19-22](#)

[John 3:16-21](#)

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is [John 14:16-27](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. Can you think of a time you've had an advocate in your life? How did that feel?
2. Do you ever wish you could have known Jesus in the body? What would be most exciting about that experience? What would be most frustrating? (other than the lack of antibiotics, of course)
3. Reread John 14:16-27. How is the Spirit an advocate for us? In whose presence does Jesus indicate the Spirit will advocate for us?
4. What does reading Scripture long with the Spirit mean?
5. How can you make space for the Spirit this week?