



## How To Find Hope & Peace

### I. Understanding the “great divide” of the Holy Spirit

Cessationists

Experientialists

Three key words from Jesus about the ministry of the Holy Spirit

#### A. Truth

He is the spirit of truth.

*“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—<sup>17</sup>the Spirit of truth.”*  
*John 14:16-17a (NIV)*

*“All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”*  
*John 14:25-27 (NIV)*

#### B. Orphans

*“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.” John 14:18*

#### C. Obedience

*(John 14:15, 21, 23, 24)*

Conclusion:

Have I been empowered by the Spirit?

Or have I only been indwelt by the Spirit?

### **Small Group & Personal Reflection Questions:**

1. Read the entire passage John 14:15-30. Describe the mood of the disciples as they recognized that Jesus is talking to them about “life without him being there”? How would you have felt listening to this final discourse?
2. In the message, we mentioned that one of the primary roles of the Holy Spirit is to bring us into truth, (vs. 17) and counsel (vs. 16 and 26). Why is that important to us today?
3. Jesus cares about our relationship with him. He does not want us to be orphans. Describe how the Holy Spirit causes us to sense the intimacy of the Father as our spiritual parent. How will this change when Jesus comes back again? (vs. 20)
4. Why is obedience such an important part of this passage? Why do we tend to understate the importance of obedience? In what specific way might God be nudging you in this area in order to receive the full assurances, promises and hope of Jesus in these times?