

## **The Holy Spirit, Love, and Obedience**

### **I. The Final Words of Jesus** (The Upper Room Discourse)

#### **Judas Leaves to betray, Jesus huddles the remaining 11 and tells them**

1. He loves them
2. Trouble is imminent, life will be tough sometimes
3. Stay the course! Love and obey
4. The Holy Spirit is coming and is the key!

### **II. He Loves Us** (*John 13:31-35*)

#### **A NEW command I give you**

1. Love one another
2. Just as I have loved you (and modeled it)
3. By this all will know WHO we are and WHOSE we are
4. Love Each other

### **III. Trouble is Guaranteed!**

#### **Trouble from the World**

1. If the world hates you, it hated me first! (*John 15:18-19*)
2. You'll be kicked out of the synagogue and hated (*John 16:1-2*)
3. In this world you WILL have trouble (*John 16:33a*)
4. We are at Odds with the world because we are NOT of this world... *John 17:14-17*
  - a. Leads to persecution
  - b. Leads to Pride or Rebellion

#### **Trouble from the Enemy**

1. Sin is a choice; obey Jesus, or build a link in the chain that binds us
2. Sin KILLS intimacy with the Lord

### **IV. Stay the Course!** (*John 14:15, 21, John 15:10, 12-14, John 14:23*)

#### **Loving Jesus**

1. Is He your first love?
2. Are you asking for His presence but not giving him yours?
3. What does your time with Him look like?

#### **Obedying His commands**

1. Out of His love for us
2. Out of Our love for Him
3. A NEW command I give you (*John 13:34*)

#### **Why is Obedience important?**

1. Sin/Compromise KILLS Intimacy with God and his revelation to us (*John 14:21*)
2. Its GOOD!

## **V. The Holy Spirit (THE KEY!)**

### **Who is the Holy Spirit?**

1. Person
2. God

### **What is the Holy Spirit's Role?** (*John 14:23. 25-27, 12-17, John 16:7-15*)

1. Help, convict, comfort, guide, tell of what he hears from the father
2. He unleashes God's power in our lives!

## **VI. How do we Obey Jesus and Follow the Holy Spirit?**

### **Practice**

1. Get with Jesus in the secret place. Carve out that time
2. Learn to Love him as your FIRST LOVE
3. Learn his commands

### **Partner with Jesus and the Holy Spirit**

1. Power in the word NO
2. Listen to the Holy Spirit's prompts in your life

### **Do Things that Feel Risky!**

1. If you feel like the Lord is prompting you... do it!
2. Know the answer is YES before he asks! (Abraham and Issac!)

### **You can't fail if you are trying to love Jesus!**

1. An attempt at obedience is a sweet aroma to Jesus
2. It's Not for "show", not for your own glory, but for HIS.