

# GIFTS FOR TROUBLED HEARTS & FEARFUL FUTURES DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

JOHN 14:15-31

John 14:15-31 - Sermon Outline and Notes for Meditation:

When faced with troubled hearts and a fearful future...

 \_\_\_\_\_ in the gifts of grace

 \_\_\_\_\_ in the gift of the Helper

 \_\_\_\_\_ the gift of love

## 1 Jesus wants his disciples to hope in the gift of the Father, the gift of love, and the gift of peace.

 a. Which gift do you find most difficult to grasp intellectually? Which gift takes the most faith to believe is truly available for you?

 b. What other gifts of grace has God given to encourage and strengthen His children during times of trouble and fear? Be ready to share the Bible passages that speak of these gifts of grace.

## 2 Sometimes the most significant hurdle in a time of trial is the lack of Biblical truth and counsel.

 a. What fears and troubles have you personally encountered or repeat in your life? What verses from the Bible are most consistently helpful in redirecting your thinking?

 b. 1 Peter 3:15 exhorts believers to always be “prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.” How can you practically prepare to share your hope with followers of Christ or those who don’t yet believe?

## 3 John 14 introduces the giving of the Holy Spirit.

 a. What are the most comforting aspects of the Holy Spirit’s nature and work, presented in John 14? What truth do you feel drawn to consider and meditate on?

 b. What other New Testament passages aid a key’s to understand the deity of the Holy Spirit?

 c. Why is it important to connect the working of the Holy Spirit in teaching and reminding with the Bible (John 16:13)? What errors can arise if a person starts “following the Spirit” when the path is outside the scope and teaching of the Bible?

