

# SERMON OUTLINE John 14:15-27

The Path to a Peaceful Life

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## **IF YOU LOVE ME, YOU WILL OBEY ME (15, 21-24)**

*A Counter-Cultural Understanding of Love (15, 21, 23)*

*Love Is Always Tied to What's Best*

*Jesus' Commands Are Always What's Best (24)*

*The Result of Obeying Jesus in Love (21-23)*

## **THE HELPER IS BETTER (16-17, 25-26)**

*With Us Forever (16)*

*Dwells Within Instead of Without (17)*

*Teach and Remind of "All" Jesus' Words (25-26)*

## **RESURRECTION LIFE (18-20)**

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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## MAIN POINT

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There are three key features of the path of peace. First, love for Jesus always equals obedience to Jesus. Second, when Jesus returns to the Father, He will send the Holy Spirit to help His followers. And third, Jesus' followers will experience Jesus' resurrection life. Combined, they give us the big idea of the passage: Jesus' love for His people led Him to the cross and to provide for them once He was gone. And from that, our main takeaways are to love and obey Jesus, to walk in the Spirit's power, and to live in light of the fact that it is not death to die. Doing these things, in light of Jesus' work, promises, and ever-present help, is the path to peace as we give ourselves to Jesus' commission and await His return.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Imagine that someone you love leaving for good. Is there anything you can imagine that would bring true comfort?
3. What kinds of things bring you peace when life is hard?
4. How do you define love? What makes you feel most loved?
5. What do you think about Jesus' statement, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments"? How is that similar and different from the ordinary understanding of love? What does it say about your love for Jesus?
6. As you think about the different people in your life (family, friends, church, neighborhood, co-workers, etc.), how confident are you that you know what's best for each of them; that you know how to love them well?
7. How is obeying Jesus' commands with regard to others at the heart of your love for Jesus?
8. Do you regularly experience the love of God? What does it look like in your life?
9. What is one way you need to learn to love better in light of this passage?
10. How have you experienced the power of the Holy Spirit in your life? How is it better than when Jesus walked the earth?
11. Are there any ways in which your belief in your eternal life truly impacted your life last week?
12. In what ways did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

## AREAS OF APPLICATION

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13. What is one thing you have done or intend to do differently as a result of this text/sermon?
14. Obey a command in relation to someone in your family, at church, in government, and an unbeliever in your life.
15. Have a quiet time each day this week.
16. Find a way to bring the peace of Christ to someone who is suffering.
17. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and (2) How you can pray for them.
18. Ask God to show you one specific thing you ought to do differently as a result of this text or sermon? Share that and pray about it with someone in your DG. Continue praying for and checking in with each other until you've both done it.

## PRAYER POINTS

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19. Adoration. Praise God for being loving, triune, true, a helper, life, indwelling, personal, perfect, eternal, and peace.
20. Confess. Confess any ways you've unlovingly disobeyed Jesus in relation to Jesus or the people in your life. Confess the times you've trusted in your own strength and wisdom instead of that of the Spirit.
21. Thanksgiving. Thank God for loving you, sending the Spirit to help, and being a Father to you. Thank Jesus for obeying all the way for you, loving you, and teaching truth. Thank the Spirit for conviction of sin, reminding you of truth, and empowering you.
22. Supplication. Ask God to bring peace to the hurting through faith in Jesus. Ask God to deliver someone from disobedience.