

<sup>12</sup> “There is so much more I want to tell you, but you can’t bear it now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. <sup>14</sup> He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me. <sup>15</sup> All that belongs to the Father is mine; this is why I said, ‘The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.’

— *John 16:12-15*

### ***Discussion/Journal Questions***

Who do you tend to go to for advice about relationships? About your job? About finances? Why do you trust them?

Have two or three people read John 16:12-15 out loud slowly. After some time of reflection, ask each other what words, phrases, or ideas stand out to everyone. What questions come to mind as you meditate on this scripture?

Reflect on the idea of a guide for a moment? What images come to mind? What does a guide do?

Read John 14:5-7. What does Jesus say about truth in this passage? How does this connect with the work of the Spirit in John 16:12-15?

In John 16:13, Jesus says that the Spirit will guide us *into* all truth. Pastor John used the illustration of a cave guide to describe how the truth is sometimes scary or leads to places we don’t want to go. Have you experienced being led into uncomfortable truth by the Spirit? How did that go?

Read Romans 8:15-16. How does the Spirit affirm that we are God’s children? What does this teach us about how the Spirit tends to communicate?

Pastor John gave three tests to discern whether we are hearing from the Holy Spirit. What are they?

Why are these tests important?

What do you need the Spirit’s guidance about? How can your group pray for you this week?