



**“Love, Hate, and the Holy Spirit”**  
**Small Group Questions**  
**Week of September 27, 2026**

**Icebreaker:**

*What are some of your most unique qualities? Have you always loved these differences, or have you had to grow in your love for them?*

**Discussion Questions:**

**Read** John 15:12-17 together.

1. There are many ways Jesus describes his followers in these verses. What kind of relationship is he describing?

What are the parts that stick out the most to you?

What is the best parallel to this relationship you can think of in human terms?

2. What are some of Jesus’ commands that you struggle most to follow?

How can your small group support you in this endeavor?

**Read** John 15:18-25 together.

3. This passage uses the word “hate” seven times. What is the message Jesus is trying to communicate?

4. Christians are meant to look different than the culture around us. In what ways have you felt different than the world around you? Has this caused any animosity?

**Read** John 15:26-27 together.

5. The Farewell Discourse is the story of Jesus’ last words before he leaves his disciples, but he is not leaving them alone! Jesus promises the Holy Spirit who is the great Helper. How has the Holy Spirit been your perfect divine help?

6. Take time to share the needs of your small group. In what ways can the Holy Spirit come along and be your perfect divine help?

7. Pray to close!