

Transition:

As Jesus is preparing for his death, He helps His disciples understand and be ready also. In the last chapter, He warned them to be ready for persecution and told them to abide in Him. Now He explains more about the Holy Spirit coming and His leaving.

Tell the story:

Tell the story (with passion!) the best as you can, don't stop and teach, try not to make points, just tell the story. Perhaps leave some parts out or make a mistake, just to see if your group catches it!

Rebuild the story:

Chronologically rebuild the story by asking questions. Have the group look for what was added or left out by looking in their Bibles and going back over the story. Then have someone else tell the story the best they can – just like you modeled the first time.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does the statement “the Word was God” shape our understanding of Jesus’ divinity? Does this create any challenges or questions in you?
2. Do Jehovah Witness believe that Jesus is God? What is their interpretation of this chapter?
3. How might we, like John, be called to “bear witness” to Jesus in our own lives? Do you have any struggles with this idea?

Fundamental:

The Holy Spirit's roles in our lives as a comforter and advocate helps us to continue to walk with Jesus and fulfill His purpose for our lives. We sometimes have to be quiet and unworried with tasks to hear Him. He knows what is best for us, and which people around us need us to reach out to them. Let us be eager to listen and respond!

Homework/Challenge:

1. What is the last thing the Holy Spirit told you to do? Go and do it.
2. What are the roles of the Holy Spirit mentioned here? Write them down and study them.

Discipleship Tip:

Some parts of our relationship with God have to be a discipline before they become a delight. Encourage those who don't have a prayer life to take practical steps to have one. ***Celebration of Discipline*** by Richard Foster can further develop practices for those who do pray.

Prayer:

Father, we pray that we will all seek the Holy Spirit, be quick to respond to His promptings, and be guided by truth. Amen.