

– John 14.12-26 –
Words to Teens 3
How We Know God

John 14.12 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. 15 If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. 19 A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. 20 At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. 21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.” 22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?” 23 Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. 24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me. 25 These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

- * What is the context of this passage?

- * What is the question for the disciples and each of us?

- * What kind of relationship does Jesus describe here?

- * What is the relationship based on?

- * How is love expressed in the relationship?

- * How is the relationship established and sustained?

- * Why is the Spirit called “another Helper”?

- * How does the Spirit lead us to pray?

- * How does the Spirit manifest Jesus and the Father to us?

- * How do we love Jesus and the Father?

- * What kind of obedience does Jesus want from us?

- * What's the difference between works and faith working through love?

- * Our salvation is accomplished entirely by Jesus, but the degree to which we enjoy the relationship depends on what?

- * What happens in any relationship if we don't respond to love with love? Does that mean you don't have a relationship?

- * One of the things that must grow if a relationship is to grow is _____.

- * What are some of the essential things God asks us to believe about Him?

- * Homework for two weeks from now:
 - Read Luke 24.13-35. Why does Jesus prevent the disciples from recognizing Him, and what does He teach them regarding the Scriptures?
 - Read Psalm 1. What promise does God make concerning the Scriptures?