

The Bible in One Year Week 21: The Upper Room (John Pt. 6)

John 13:1-17, 14:1-7, 17:20-26

"The Upper Room Discourse"

- John 13-17 is the largest section of Jesus speaking in the whole Gospel
 This section leads into Jesus' ultimate mission of giving his life for the world, and these intimate
 moments with his disciples contain some of the most profound words in the Bible
- Jesus' message here can be hard to follow because it covers so much, but we can follow the major themes to help make sense of the whole God's self-giving love; the connection between loving and obeying Jesus; the tensions we face in this world as followers of Christ; and the help Jesus sends us in the Holy Spirit

What John's Gospel teaches about the Holy Spirit

- The Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity, is God's personal presence with us and in us: he gives us intimate union with the Father and Son
- The Holy Spirit comes to us when we truly say "yes" to following Jesus
- The Holy Spirit leads us into all truth, he works in and through us to continue the good work Jesus started
- The Holy Spirit gives us power to be witnesses of Jesus even when we experience opposition in the world
- The Holy Spirit gives us peace that is greater than anything the world can give

For Further Study:

"Holy Spirit" by the Bible Project (YouTube) https://youtu.be/oNNZO9i1Gjc

"Messiah" by the Bible Project (YouTube) https://youtu.be/3dEh25pduQ8

"Overview: John 1-12" by the Bible Project (YouTube) https://youtu.be/G-2e9mMf7E8

"Overview: John 13-21" by the Bible Project (YouTube) https://youtu.be/RUfh_wOsauk