Discussion and Study Questions for John 14:15-17

[Note: Since the Sunday study only dealt with verses 16 and 17 that is where our notes and questions will be focused.]

- Why is a study of the Person and work of the Holy Spirit important?
- Why was Jesus making these statements about the Holy Spirit to His disciples?
- Jesus told His disciples the Father would send them "another helper." What does the word "another" imply?
- "Helper" is the word **parakletos** (pronounced: para-CLAY-toss) and basically means "one called alongside to help." What does that meaning help you to understand about the role of the Holy Spirit in your life?
- What did Jesus mean by promising that the Holy Spirit would be "with you forever"?
- Jesus called the Holy Spirit "the Spirit of truth." What does that imply about the work of the Holy Spirit in your life?
- What reason does Jesus give in **verse 17** as to why the world cannot receive the Holy Spirit?
- What major difference does this study bring out between the spirit of this world and the Holy Spirit of God?
- Jesus said concerning the Holy Spirit, "You know Him." What are the ways we know the Holy Spirit is working in our life?
- Why is it sometimes challenging to follow the lead of the Holy Spirit?
- In the last portion of **verse 19** Jesus said concerning the Holy Spirit, "**he dwells with you and will be in you**." Why is having the Spirit IN us better than having Him merely WITH us?
- When did the Holy Spirit come to indwell believers?
- How can believers nurture a closer relationship with the Holy Spirit?