



Strength for the Journey

“New Covenant People”

John 14:16-21



Notes:

Strength through Prayer:

Spend a few moments as a group in silent, personal prayer. Thank God for the intimate relationship with us that He has made possible through the new covenant. Thank God also for the gift of His Spirit, who guides us into all truth. Open your heart to the implications of these wonderful gifts.

You may want to begin your prayer with these words:

“Almighty God, I praise You for the deep, rich, intimate relationship I can have with You—thanks to the gift of Your Son’s death and resurrection. I want to pursue intimacy with You through my obedience and through listening to Your voice. I will respond to the Holy Spirit, whom You have given me to lead me into all truth.”

When you are finished with this time for silent, personal prayer, you may want to move into a time of group prayer, praying for one another.

Closing Call to Action:

1. Do something to remind yourself that God dwells within you, thanks to the new covenant. You might make a sign to put on your dashboard, refrigerator, or mirror. Or you might ask a friend to call you twice a day to remind you that you are the temple of God.

2. Obedience is the key to intimacy. It gets us into the “God zone.” How can you obey today in a way you haven’t obeyed before: With an attitude of obedience by being merciful or gracious? By forgiving someone you need to forgive?

3. God wants to talk to you. Do you listen to Him? Open your heart today for God to instruct you. Turn off the TV and the radio. When you’re at a crossroads of decision or a moment of reaction or response, say, “God, speak to me. What would you have me do?”

These three steps will usher us into a deeper enjoyment of the great privilege of the indwelling God who is ours through the new covenant.

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