

John 14:18-24 | When God Feels Far

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Discussion Questions

Community Groups meet throughout the week and play a crucial role in our response to the preaching of the word. These groups gather to discuss the following questions as we seek to apply the sermon in community with one another. Please visit compassntx.org to join a small group near you.

1. Read **John 14:18** and **Hebrews 10:23**. Is it okay to wrestle with doubt about your faith or the promises of God? PPJ suggested that we must doubt actively and not passively and that we should attack the feeling that God is distant. How do the promises of God help in that regard? What promises do you turn to when you are struggling with doubt or feeling distant?

2. Read **John 14:19** and **Romans 8:11**. In what sense do we experience the reality of resurrection life presently? In other words, how has the Spirit given life to our mortal bodies?

3. Read **John 14:15, 21, 23, and 24**. This might feel legalistic at first glance, but it's important to note what Jesus is and isn't saying here. Is this about our justification or our sanctification? What's the distinction between those two, and why does that matter?

4. How would you encourage the brother or sister who says they don't feel love for Jesus, so they struggle with the concept of obeying him fueled by love? Rather than encouraging him, he feels more burdened by feelings of guilt, shame, and condemnation by a passage like this.

5. Read **John 14:21-23**. Share how your love for Christ has deepened over the years that you have been a Christian and come to know more of Him as He has revealed more of Himself to you. If you're new to the faith, what changes have you noted in your life since God came to make a home in you?