

# SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



**PRINCE  
OF PEACE**  
Called to Connect



## Transitions: Jesus

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One day you could be the leader of your family, your team, or an organization. What truth does Jesus have for you when that moment comes?

### SCRIPTURE TEXT: JOHN 14:15-18; 16:1, 12-15

Read the scripture text together as a group.

#### BACKGROUND INFO

Jesus knew how fearful the disciples would be when he was crucified, so he comforted them by reminding them that he was not leaving them abandoned and orphaned, but would send them the Holy Spirit. The Spirit would lead and guide them forward and they would do even more than Jesus did. And sure enough, after the resurrection those same disciples boldly continued Jesus' mission and ministry. And that same Spirit dwells with us at Prince of Peace. We don't need to fear leadership transitions because ultimately it is the Spirit who leads us. So, let's breathe deeply of that peace!

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **The Truth is in the Doing.** Re-read John 14:15 and then read Matthew 22:36-39. How does this truth (when it is accompanied by "doing" it) help you more clearly work through seasons of transition? In Jesus' declaration of the greatest commandment, love of God and others starts with our love for ourselves. How has that been true in your life? Share a story about a time you were able to love God or others well because you saw yourself as a beloved child of God? Is it possible to see yourself as a beloved child of God without believing it to be true of everybody? Have you ever failed to love God or others well? What was missing in that circumstance?
- **Give the Spirit some room.** On a scale of 1-10, how much of a "control freak" are you? What word(s) would you use to describe how you feel when you don't have control? What word(s) would you use to describe how you feel when you do have control? Share a story about a time that you took control of an out-of-control situation. Is it possible to "over-control" or "overthink" something? Has that ever happened to you? Have you ever given up some control and left room for the Spirit to work? Share about that experience.

**APPLICATION:** Hold your hands out in front of you and bring your attention to your palms. Visualize there all of your anxieties. Hold them. Feel the weight. Now, squeeze. Squeeze as hard as you can. Hold it. Now, relax your grip, raise your hands high, and throw your anxieties in the air. Keep your hands up. Reach high, and really let them go.