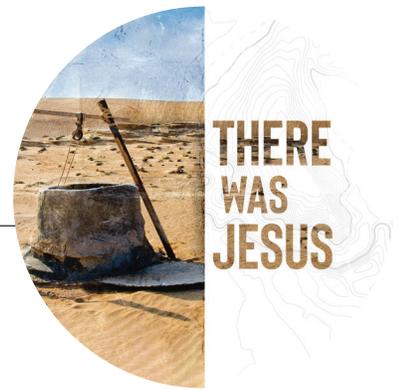


MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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HE IS HERE

Senior Pastor Marty Grubbs finished up the series, *There Was Jesus*, teaching from the book of John. In the passages in chapters 15 and 16, Jesus is explaining to his disciples that he would be leaving them after three years of ministry together. The disciples were confused, disappointed, sad, and heartbroken. Jesus had led them, taught them, comforted them, reminded them of the Father's love and forgiveness, demonstrated grace, fed them, and walked with them. Jesus went on to explain that when he left them (by means of death on the cross and resurrection from the grave), he would send the Holy Spirit to live in each one of them. God—not in flesh, but in Spirit—would be with each follower, every day, everywhere. No longer limited by physical existence in one man, no matter where you are, be encouraged: Jesus is here!

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 15 & 16

"But I will send you the Advocate—the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me" (John 15:26).

"But now I am going away to the one who sent me, and not one of you is asking where I am going. Instead, you grieve because of what I've told you. But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment. The world's sin is that it refuses to believe in me. Righteousness is available because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more. Judgment will come because the ruler of this world has already been judged.

"There is so much more I want to tell you, but you can't bear it now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me. All that belongs to the Father is mine; this is why I said, 'The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.'" (John 16:5-15)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you in Marty's message? How was this encouraging? Convicting? Timely?
2. Read John 15:26, 16:5-15. How would you describe the Holy Spirit? (If you have access to a Bible dictionary or concordance, look up the meaning of "Advocate")
3. How have you understood the Holy Spirit previously?
4. When have you experienced the work of the Holy Spirit in your life, as described in these passages?
5. What promises and responsibilities come with being the home for the Holy Spirit? (You can use other verses in the Bible for reference.)
6. How can we pray for you?

PRAYER

Pray to the Holy Spirit—thank him for taking up residence in your heart as an advocate to remind you of the past, guide you in the present, and give you hope in the future. Ask him to give you wisdom for any decisions, to comfort you in grief or hardships, to forgive you and give you strength to forgive others, and to help you show the love of Jesus to others.