

Series: Things That Go Bump In The Night

Scripture and Background Information for August 9 - 15.

To prepare for your group discussion each week, group members should use the **Community Group Discussion Guide** to complete the **GOD'S WORDS** and **MY WORDS** columns using the scripture below.

This week we'll be looking at **John 14:15-24**. Today's passage, still, contains Jesus's last teaching session to his disciples before his death. Jesus's last teaching session is saturated with a lifestyle that follows his instructions. Remarkable is that Jesus sees this lifestyle as a result of a personal relationship with him.

Background for John 14:15-24:

In today's passage, Jesus is still celebrating the Passover with his disciples. After telling the disciples that he (Jesus) would die and go to the Father (14:1-14). Although Jesus would leave the disciples, he tells them that his work here on earth would continue. Jesus would send another Helper to work through him in his followers (14:15-31).

We see that Jesus tells his disciples that they would implement his commandments (14:15). Several questions arise.

- What is the commandment of Jesus? Remember last week's example of love. What did Jesus command the disciples to do?
- Also, what comes first, loving Jesus or keeping his commands?

When seeing Jesus, it is hard to imagine how we, as believers, could follow his example. Jesus shows that he already took care of that. He promised a helper to implement his commandments. Jesus speaks of *another* Helper.

- What are the different outcomes between Jesus being with his disciples, and the other Helper being with the disciples?
- Who is the *other* Helper? What does it mean to have him in our lives in the context of today's passage?

Remember: Today's passage is the ongoing discourse from chapter 13. For a full understanding of our text, an observation of the previous verses is necessary.

Scriptures for upcoming weeks:

August 16-22	John 15
August 23-29	John 16:16-33