

## Equipped 6 - A relationship that equips

**John 14:8-21**

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### Introduction

Ways the Bible pictures Christian life and service: (see eg 2 Timothy 2:6)

### **God works in the world through Jesus's words (verses 8-12)**

> This section – follows on from Philip's q\_\_\_\_\_ (verse 8)

> Intimate relationship between God the F\_\_\_\_\_ and Jesus the S\_\_\_\_. Mutual indw\_\_\_\_\_. (verses 9-10a).

> verse 10b – “The words I say to you... it is the Father doing his w\_\_\_\_\_.” God works through w\_\_\_\_\_.

> The work the Father has given the Son – to give l\_\_\_\_\_ and to j\_\_\_\_\_. (John 5:21-22)

> Equipment: The Word of G\_\_\_\_, the Bible. (see Ephesians 6:17)

> Promise: God the F\_\_\_\_\_ is working through his W\_\_\_\_\_. (see Isaiah 55:10-11)

### **God works through us as we pray (verses 12-14)**

> The work Jesus has been doing will continue through his d\_\_\_\_\_ (verse 12)

> “Works” - miracles; supremely – giving l\_\_\_\_\_ and judging

> God will work through us as we p\_\_\_\_\_ - for the Father's g\_\_\_\_\_ (verse 13-14)

> Equipment: P\_\_\_\_\_

Difference between prayer as a last resort; and talking to my Father about everything, depending on him.

- What it means for serving

- What it means for loving others / sharing the good news

- Knowing the right way to go – a sense of peace

> Promise: “I will do whatever you a\_\_\_\_\_ in my name” (verse 13)

Two “cliff e\_\_\_\_\_” - asking selfishly; not asking at all.

Jesus says these words to give us confidence.

### **God's presence with us by his Spirit (verses 15-21)**

> The Father will send the Spirit:

- advocate – one who s\_\_\_\_\_ beside (verse 16)

- Reminding us of the t\_\_\_\_\_ (verse 17)

- “I will come to y\_\_\_\_\_” (verse 18)

> Equipment – relationship of dependence.

- Feel inadequate? We should! (2 Corinthians 12:9)

- Don't k\_\_\_\_\_ enough? We have the Spirit of truth! (see also

Mark 13:11).

> Promise: “I will be with you” / “I am with you.”

> What does it feel like?

*Evangelical Alliance, Statement of Faith* – Item 9: The ministry of God the Holy Spirit, who leads us to repentance, unites us with Christ through new birth, empowers our discipleship and enables our witness.

### **Taking it further**

*Sermons*: Listen at [www.anlabychurches.org.uk](http://www.anlabychurches.org.uk) Go to Resources / Listen again:

“Our praying life” - 3<sup>rd</sup> May - 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – particularly 24<sup>th</sup> May and 7<sup>th</sup> June

*Book*: A praying life – Paul Miller

### **To reflect on / think about**

> Which of the three pieces of equipment / promises do you most need to think about further?

> Being equipped is about “a relationship that equips.” What do you make of this?

> Pray about these things.