

# FBC Groups Ministry Discussion Guide

## **Between You and God, Mini-Series**

### **Having Personal Time with Him**

#### **Part Two: Closer to God through His Word, John 14:21–24**

What does it mean to have direct and personal access to God? The veil in the temple, representing how sin separates us from God, was torn completely in two the moment Jesus died on the cross. His death provides everything you need for direct, personal access to God, but many of us are settling for second hand. The journey beyond a second-hand relationship continues with a pursuit of God through His Word. Read John 14:21–24.

Have you ever considered why God has given us the Bible? John 14 captures an important conversation that Jesus was having with His closest followers, preparing them for the time when He would no longer be with them physically. He promises them a way to be closer to God like never before even though He would soon be going back to heaven. Jesus is the way for us to be in a right relationship with God, but how does the Bible help us experience closeness with God?

1. The Bible is an Open Door to God's Guidance.
2. The Bible is an Open Door to God's Goodness.
3. The Bible is an Open Door to God Himself.

#### **Questions for Group Discussion:**

1. How were the apostles to remain close to God after Jesus' ascension?
2. How did having access to God's Word help them remain close? What about you?
3. Would you say that the Bible is a gift from God? Why or why not?
4. Is your view/approach to the Bible more intellectual or spiritual?
5. How does Christ in you raise your Bible study to a more spiritual level?
6. How has the Bible guided you recently or in a critical moment?
7. In what ways do people (you) compromise and miss God's greater goodness?
8. How do you see/experience God at work in you and in the world around you?

#### **Final Thoughts and Closing Prayer:**

How can your time in the Bible be more spiritual and impactful this week?

How will you live better and help others do the same because of this study?

#### **Notes & Reflections:**