Sermon Title: **“Holding Tightly to Truth”**

3-Fold Purpose: ***Love God, Love Others, Serve the World***

One Mission: ***Make Disciples***

4 Commitments:

***Shaped by the Word***

1. Read John 16:5-15. After reading this passage aloud, share with your life group something that stood out to you from the passage and/or Sunday’s sermon.
   1. On a scale of 1 to 10, how important is truth to you? Explain why you came up with that number.
   2. Jesus is the truth (Jn. 14:6), his word is truth (James 1:18), and the Spirit leads us into all truth (Jn. 16:13). What do you learn from this about living a life based on truth?
   3. Confession and prayer, reading and meditating on God’s word, and responding in obedience are all essential to living a life of truth. Share with your group your experience this week in one or more of these areas.

***Surrendered to His Will***

1. Jesus states in vs. 8 that the Helper “will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.”
   1. Is there an incident in your life recently in which the Holy Spirit convicted you? How did you respond?
   2. How often do you consciously surrender your life and will to the Holy Spirit’s control?
   3. When you think of someone who is surrendered to the will of Christ, who comes to mind? What are the character qualities of this person that make you form this opinion?

***Connected to His Spirit***

1. In vs. 7 Jesus states that he will send the Holy Spirit to you.
   1. Have you ever considered that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to us, and he’s sent us to the world (Mt. 28:19)? How important then is it to be fully aligned to his Spirit?
   2. In vv. 13-15, Jesus reiterates the Holy Spirit’s role in revealing to us everything he’s heard from Jesus. What do you think about this and how does it make you feel?
   3. Since everything that Jesus has received is given to us through the Holy Spirit, in what ways should this reality influence your perspective and priorities?

***Building His Kingdom***

1. In spite of a world that is in many respects hostile to Christianity, what opportunities do you see ahead of you for being part of Jesus’ kingdom building?
2. Is there anything hindering you from being fully aligned with the will of God in Christ Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit?
3. Write a commitment for this week in the blanks below:

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Weekly Scripture Memory

*Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”* John 8:31-32 (ESV)