

Food for Thought – John 16:12-15
May 30, 2010

12-15 "I still have many things to tell you, but you can't handle them now. But when the Friend comes, the Spirit of the Truth, he will take you by the hand and guide you into all the truth there is. He won't draw attention to himself, but will make sense out of what is about to happen and, indeed, out of all that I have done and said. He will honor me; he will take from me and deliver it to you. Everything the Father has is also mine. That is why I've said, 'He takes from me and delivers to you.' ('The Message')

1. Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as a "friend" and the "Spirit of Truth" who will take you by the hand and guide you to truth. Have you ever had a friend who was dishonest? What was it like? How did it make you feel?

2. Some people think it is "loving" to tell people only what they want to hear. What do you think? Why is a truth from friend so important?

3. Do you think most people today really want to know the truth? Why or why not?

Lord God, keep us looking for truth, and not just what we want to hear. Protect us from the slippery slope of lies and deception. Amen.