

The Gospel of John: That You May Believe  
The Vital Importance of Mission - Part 2  
John 16:5-16:33 (page 753)

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Review:

In **John 15:1-15:17**,

Jesus gives the “secrets” to effective mission

In **John 15:18-16:4**,

Jesus gives the context of the mission - the “world”

In **John 16:5-16:33** Jesus identifies the resources available for engagement in the mission

These resources include:

- The Holy Spirit (John 16:5-15)

The Holy Spirit will....

- get our eyes off of our needs and focused on the Lord's glory (vs 5-7)
- convict the world and bring repentance (vs 8-11)
  - to convict the world of sin
  - to convict the world of righteousness
  - to convict the world of judgment

- bring transformation to the church (vs 9-15)
  - by opening up all the truth to us
  - by revealing what is to come
  - by always glorifying the Son

- The Son of God (John 16:16-33)

Jesus offers three promises to sustain the disciples in their mission....

- He gives the promise of joy (vs 19-24)
- He gives the promise of love (vs 25-28)
- He gives the promise of peace (vs 29-33)

**Point:** Jesus is leaving to return to His Father but He will not leave us without the necessary resources to complete the mission we are to continue until His glorious return.

## **Growth Group Sermon Study Helps**

John 16:5-16:33 (Week Twenty-seven)

**(Note: This guide is to help *facilitate* discussion with your Growth Group. Use it as a *RESOURCE* for the group in discovering and applying the truths of God's Word. There may be questions you *do not want to use* and there may be instances where the group *chooses to focus on a particular point, verse or truth*. This guide is to assist the group in growing in their relationship with Christ and the Scriptures, thus, it is not necessary to complete all of the points in the discussion guide...use this with flexibility and not as a rigid task list to get through. God's richest blessing upon you all.)**

### **Intro:**

Jesus is about to conclude His last teaching time with His disciples before He goes to the Cross. He has so much to tell them and yet they are incapable of receiving all His heart would want them to grasp in this moment. That is why the promise of the Holy Spirit's coming is so important, He will take what Jesus cannot reveal at this moment and open their minds to give them understanding after the events of Christ's death and resurrection. Jesus gives them the "resources" they will need to continue His mission - namely, the Holy Spirit and Himself. As they abide/remain in Christ, the disciples will have the life and relationship with God necessary to endure and as they learn to depend on the Holy Spirit, they will be empowered to do all that Jesus has commanded and taught them.

### **Discussion Questions**

Was there anything said on Sunday that got your attention, a particular point, or that you have a question about?

In vv. 5-6 Jesus says that the disciples are not asking questions because they are too filled with grief. Can

you think of a time when you could not concentrate on what Jesus was saying because of your personal situation?

Jesus said it was for their good that He was going away. In what ways was it better for the disciples to have the Holy Spirit than to have Jesus in the flesh? How is it better for us?

Read verses 8-11. About what does the Holy Spirit convict the world? Think about sin, righteousness and judgment. What is the greatest sin? How does his going to the Father reveal righteousness? Why does the prince of this world stand condemned? (Jn 12:31; 14:30)

Read verses 12-15. Why must disciples continue learning and growing? What does the Holy Spirit teach? How does He bring glory to Jesus? How does dependence on the Spirit of truth, the Holy Spirit, make disciples truly free?

Jesus was aware of the limitations of acceptance in His disciples. How is verse 12 applicable as we endeavor to share spiritual truths with others?

In vs 13-15, what did Jesus say the Spirit of Truth would do? Not do? In what way would the Spirit bring Jesus glory?

### **Taking it to the streets....**

What truth has the Holy Spirit been teaching you? How has He been doing that? Give examples.

How has the Holy Spirit used you to bring glory to Jesus Christ? Explain.

What are some truths that you will ask the Holy Spirit to teach you? Why?