

NIV MEMORY VERSE: John 16:33**GOSPEL AND LETTERS OF JOHN 16-1**

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

"THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT"
READ John 16:5-33

1. What was meaningful to you in last week's lesson?

DAY 1 – READ John 16:5-11

2. a. Having announced His departure, what reaction did Jesus observe in His disciples?
- b. Departure from one place means arrival in another place. Share a time when departure of someone special to you meant joy in someone else's life.
- c. How is the Father anticipating your arrival according to these Scriptures?
1 Corinthians 2:9

Hebrews 11:16

John 14:2

3. Why was it good for the disciples that Jesus go away?

4. a. Review what the disciples had already been told about the Holy Spirit from John 14:26

John 15:26

- b. What would the Holy Spirit do in the world from verses 8-11?

- c. (IN DEPTH) What does the Holy Spirit do in the believer? (Feel free to use your Bible concordance.)

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DAY 2 – READ John 16:12-15

5. 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?

6. a. What did Jesus say the Spirit of truth would do?
b. . . . not do?

7. a. To what end would the Spirit's activity be directed?
b. According to 1 Peter 4:11, to what end should a Christian's activity be directed?

DAY 3 - READ John 16:16-22

8. Why were the disciples perplexed?

9. a. Jesus knew what the disciples were thinking. What does Psalm 139:1-4 say about our thoughts and actions?

b. Does this frighten or comfort you? Please share your thoughts.

10. What is taught in verses 20-22 about joy after sorrow?

11. Share your experience or observation on how prayer is connected to discovering the joy beyond sorrow.

12. Write these beautiful Scriptures:
Psalm 30:5

Psalm 126:5

Isaiah 35:10

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DAY 4 – READ John 16:23-28

13. What pattern for prayer would be established in verses 23-24?

14. a. Our human feeling of unworthiness seeks comfort in Jesus as an intercessor with the Father. What is true about Jesus' priestly intercession from Hebrews 7:25?

b. What is true about prayer in John 16:26,27?

15. a. Share with your group a recent prayer victory.

b. Review the "prayer requests" of your group to date. What are your observations?

DAY 5 – READ John 16:29-33

16. In verse 31 Jesus answered, "You believe at last."(NIV) What made the disciples believe from verses 29,30?

17. What did Jesus know about the disciples?
. . . about the Father?

18. Remember 1 Peter 3:15. In witnessing you face the objection, "Jesus talked about having trouble in this world as a Christian. I'm afraid I can't stand up under persecution." What is your answer?

19. Share how Jesus' words "I have overcome the world" give you peace.

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: