

Many Rooms

The 'Way of Life' Series

Connecting with others around the presence of Jesus, & growing spiritually
by understanding and applying God's Word, together.

Week 11: John 16:5-15

PREPARE and PRAY

Breathe deeply, settle in, and prepare to meet with God. Then **invite God to speak** to you through His Word.

READ and LISTEN

Slowly read this week's Scripture several times. As you read, **listen to the Holy Spirit** with your heart and mind.

SUMMARIZE and REFLECT

On this page or in a journal, **summarize the core teaching** of these verses. **Ask God for insight** as you reflect on and answer the following questions.

1. What is one thing Jesus's words and/or actions reveal about God?
2. In your own words, what does Jesus say about who a disciple is and what disciples do?

DIG and DISCOVER

Take a closer look at God's truth. Let these questions and insights **deepen your understanding** as you prepare to apply God's word.

"Trying to do the Lord's work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you." - Corrie Ten Boom

Before responding to this week's questions, read John 14:15-18 (Jesus's earlier teaching about the Holy Spirit) and Acts, chapters 2 through 4 (the promised arrival of God the Spirit).

1. In v7 of today's passage, Jesus said "it is to *your* advantage that I go away".
 - Why was Jesus's departure good for the disciples (and us)?
 - How has the indwelling of the Holy Spirit benefited God's church? How has he benefited you?
2. How many times, in John chapters 13-16, did Jesus tell his disciples he was going away? Why did he tell them?
3. Instead of curiosity and excitement about what would happen, sorrow filled the disciples' hearts and they became self-conscious. The impending loss brought grief and impaired their reasoning.
 - Is God doing a work in your life that you don't understand? One that puzzles you? Share with your group.
4. Discuss how the Holy Spirit *proves the world to be in the wrong*:
 - About sin (see John 3:9-21; Romans 3:23; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)
 - About righteousness (see Isaiah 64:6; Luke 18:9-14; Romans 3:19-20)
 - About judgment (see Acts 26:18; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:1-3)
5. How might the Spirit witness to the world through your life if you laid down your rights and served those in need, all for the sake of Jesus's great name?
6. For whom are you praying to receive conviction about sin, righteousness, or judgment?
7. How is Jesus's promise to the disciples in v13-15 connected with the trustworthiness of the Bible? (see John 14:26; 1 Peter 1:10-12)
8. What new insights or reminders does this passage provide you about the Holy Spirit and how He helps believers? Where do you need His help today?
9. Jesus frankly admitted that His own teaching was incomplete, and He anticipated the further instruction of the church by the Holy Spirit. Where have you been illuminated by the Holy Spirit's teaching during this study?

RESPOND and COMMIT

Ask God how he wants you to **respond to His Word** today and this week. **Commit to one step** of action and **share it** with someone you know.