



THE THREAD

weaving Sunday's message through the week

Date: August 23, 2020 **Passage:** John 16:1-15

Theme: Glory and Grace displayed by the power of the Spirit

Jesus's challenge calls us to

1. Pay attention to the time (1-4a).
 - a. This time is characterized by
 - i. Mounting pressure
 - ii. Misguided view of service to God
 - iii. No relationship with God through Jesus
 - b. Application:
 - i. Don't give up
 - ii. Remember to look to Christ
2. Recognize the failure of doing life focused on self (4b-6).
 - a. We easily miss God's mission
 - b. We display fear rather than hope
3. Live by taking advantage of the Holy Spirit (7-15).
 - a. He convicts the whole world of their ...
 - i. Sin, because they don't believe Jesus
 - ii. Mistaken Righteousness, because they miss the work Jesus is doing
 - iii. Judgment, because they follow a defeated leader
 - b. He guides believers in a hostile world. How?
 - i. He directs us in Truth
 - ii. He reveals Christ
 - iii. He glorifies Christ by indwelling us

Main Idea: We must live and serve by the Spirit if we are to maintain hope in the midst of a hostile world.

Application Questions:

- Given the mounting pressure that we will face from this world, how do we discipline ourselves to look to Jesus (vv. 1-4a).

- In what ways do find that you get focused on self and easily miss God's mission within this world?

- Why would Jesus point to the disciples' grief and fear as a negative response since he is departing from them? Should we not grieve and or be sorrowful at times? When does grief become unhealthy according to this passage?

- How might the Holy Spirit convict the world today of their sin, righteousness, and judgment?

- From this passage, how do we discern the leading of the Holy Spirit in our own lives?

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