



TEXT: JOHN 16:16-33

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Baptism** - If you are interested in baptism and possibly being baptized on Easter Sunday, sign up for the next baptism class.
 - **Women mentor-meetup** - this Saturday morning. Contact Shanon Cheney for more information.
 - **Rooted Students** – Moving to Wednesday nights next week.
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Leading Off...

1. What are some things we act like we understand but we really don't?
2. What is one thing we can be sure of?

BIG IDEA: Jesus is the Overcomer.

Read John 16:16-19

3. Why should we not be discouraged or ashamed when we don't understand something in scripture?
4. How can we determine to be better learners and grow in our faith and knowledge?
5. What does Jesus mean by "*a little while*"?

Read John 16:20-22

6. What are some differences between Christians and unbelievers in the way we experience difficulties and pain in life?
7. As believers, how do we define "joy"?
8. Jesus uses the analogy of childbirth. Discuss how this is such a great description of the pain of this life yet with great joy on the other side.
9. Therefore, how can believers actually have real joy in the midst of our anguish?
10. Consider how these disciples Jesus was speaking to lost their lives for the sake of the gospel. They lost their lives but not their joy. How can this happen?

Read John 16:23-24

11. How should we appropriately pray for things?
12. In these verses Jesus makes a link between joy and prayer. How is a lack of joy tied to a lack of prayer?

Read John 16:25-28

13. Discuss the unbelievable grace we see in verses 25-26.
14. Why do we tend to have a skewed view of God the Father?
15. What are some attributes of God the Father we should remember from these verses?

Read John 16:29-33

16. The disciples speak as though they now understand. How do we know otherwise?
17. Why is it dangerous to act like we have arrived?
18. Jesus states that in Him we have peace. Why should this be a tremendous encouragement to us?

Wrapping Up

19. How can we share in the overcoming work of Christ today?