



Scriptures for further study

James 4:4 | Ephesians 1:13-14 | Romans 8:14

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

John 15:16 – 16:11

"The Holy Spirit's work as witness creates the opportunity and the means that are favorable in overcoming hostility and bringing success in bearing witness about Christ to the world."

1. "The Spirit's presence in us is truly better than having Jesus beside us physically." How does this statement strike you? Right? Wrong? Surprising? Why does this statement affect you in this way?
2. What do you think must be true of the Holy Spirit if the Spirit's presence in you is truly better than having Jesus Himself beside you?
3. According to John 15:16, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide" What does it mean to bear fruit?
4. Read John 15:18-20, describe and discuss some ways the world hates believers?
5. Read John 16:1-11, what emotions do you think the disciples were feeling in this moment? What does Jesus say to encourage them?
6. Why do you think He chose to comfort them with news about the Spirit's coming instead of His own resurrection or ascension?
7. What is the advantage that the Spirit gives to believers in this world?