



March 2nd/3rd | Jerry Jones: How to Pray When Everything Falls Apart (John 16:16-24)

1. Share a time in your life where you received difficult news that made you feel as if everything had fallen apart. What relationships were key to helping you through that season in life?

//Read John 16:16-24//

2. Consider John 16:7-11. What does this have in common with Jesus' words in 16:16?
3. Why does Jesus say the world will rejoice, but the disciples will weep and mourn?
 - a. In what ways was Jesus preparing his disciples for their world to fall apart?
 - b. Which of Jesus' words do you think would have been the hardest for the disciples to hear? Why?
4. Consider John 16:20. What would have been comforting for the disciples in this verse?

God works in the “wrong things” on behalf of His followers.

5. Consider James 1:2. How does this verse inform how God works in the wrong things for the good of his followers?
6. How does the illustration of a woman in labor in John 16:21 inform how you approach painful situations and seasons?

Pain is inevitable. Despair is optional.

7. How does Jesus offer hope in John 16:22-24? What impact does this promise have on how you approach suffering?

Joy is the right thing to pray for when the wrong things come.

8. John 16:24 promises joy, but not necessarily deliverance from specific sources of pain. Have you experienced joy in the midst of pain? How can you encourage others to seek joy in the midst of pain?

Leaders: Record your group's engagement via the MHC app.