

## **Poured Out**

### **In Provision**

#### **John 16**

**August 22, 2021**

### **Jesus' provisions for his followers:**

- Caution ... for the mission
- Conviction ... for the world
- Counsel ... in the truth
- Comfort ... in the suffering
- Connection ... to the Father
- Confidence ... in the Victory!

#### **1. CAUTION ... for the mission**

Followers of Jesus Christ must not underestimate the difficulty of carrying out his mission.

*<sup>3</sup> They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. <sup>4</sup> I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them.*

#### **2. CONVICTION ... for the world**

It is not our job to convict the world but instead to be agents of the Holy Spirit for his work.

*<sup>8</sup> When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> about sin, because people do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.*

#### **3. COUNSEL ... in the truth**

The Holy Spirit exposes the lies of the enemy and illuminates the truth of God.

*<sup>13</sup> But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.*

#### **4. COMFORT ... in the suffering**

In our grief and suffering, our flesh turns our uncertainty into fear; Christ replaces our fear with faith.

*<sup>21</sup> A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. <sup>22</sup> So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.*

#### **5. CONNECTION ... to the Father**

Through the power of his atoning death and resurrection, Jesus has “bridged” the chasm between us and God the Father.

*<sup>23</sup> In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. <sup>24</sup> Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.*

#### **6. CONFIDENCE ... in the Victory!**

Because Jesus has defeated sin and death, his followers can experience the peace of eternal life in him.

*<sup>33</sup> “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”*

#### **The Big Takeaways**

- The followers of Jesus are agents of the Holy Spirit’s work in carrying out the mission that Jesus began in his earthly ministry.
- Jesus has made complete and perfect provisions for everything we need to play the part that we were created to play.

In preparation for next week (8/29): Read John 13 and John 17

Also, consider what ministry you will join on our Serve Central day.