

DISCUSSION GUIDE  
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“Holy Spirit is Active”

*John 16:4-15 I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you. And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see Me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. (NASB)*

To get the proper context for our text, consider reading all of the Upper Room Discourse, John 13-16.

Try to put yourself, as a disciple who has followed Jesus for three years, in their sandals. In essence, Jesus is telling His men, I love you, I will always love you. The world hates me and is going to kill Me. The world will hate you too and kill you. By the way, I am leaving and you can’t come with Me now.

What questions would you have had?

What would your feelings have been?

This passage talks about what may be the first ministry the Holy Spirit has with an individual. It all starts here...or ends here, depending.

Think back to when you were at the beginning of having a relationship with Jesus Christ. Consider the Holy Spirit’s ministry in your life at that time.

What did you know or think about sin?

What is the specific sin being spoken about in this passage?

Might it be the only unforgivable sin? Explain your answer.

What did you think about the righteousness of Jesus at that time?

Did you have any thoughts about standing before God as Judge one day?  
What are your thoughts today about standing before Him?

“Regeneration.” What is it, according to the Bible?

Can you think of any biblical passages that talk about it?

As you feel comfortable as a group, consider singing a verse or two of “Amazing Grace” together.

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed  
Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come  
This grace that brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home  
When we've been here ten thousand years  
Bright, shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun