



Jesus' Farewell Word

When He Comes— John 15:26-16:15

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We continue our series through Jesus' farewell words and listen in as he returns to speak of the Holy Spirit. *For God so loved the world, that he sent his Holy Spirit. That whoever believes because of him shall not perish but have everlasting life.*

Turn to John 15:26 - 16:15, as Lewis Roderick tells us of he who convicts and convinces that Jesus is Lord.

For personal reflection/community discussion

Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- Think of a situation in which you had sad news and chose to limit it or not to share it at all with a young child. Why did you withhold such information? How does this help you understand the approach of Jesus to His disciples in verse 12? How does He continue to approach us in this way today?
- We may never preach a Pentecost sermon, but we have the Holy Spirit to guide us into the truth, which in turn is used to convict others. With the powerful working of the Spirit pleading the cause of Christ, we can take heart when witnessing to others, even in a culture that is increasingly hostile to the Church. // With this in mind, who is the hardest, 'least-likely' convert you could imagine?
- Take time to retell the story of your conversion (either in prayer alone, or even better in community with others). Pay special attention to the role the Spirit played in your coming to Christ.
- Finally, consider how the Spirit's work of conviction isn't not a one-time only event. David Jackman writes; *"It is characteristic of the Sp.'s continuing work... He goes on showing us layers of sin, hidden deep in our consciences, ingrained attitudes and habitual reactions which spoil and mar God's work in us and through us. Its rather like clearing out a cellar where years of junk have accumulated and begun to moulder."* When did you last experience this work of the Spirit? Praise God - he has begun a good work in you and is bringing it to completion!