

The Gospel of John: Trouble is coming.

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Text: John 15:18-16:4 (page 902)

They're going to hate you. (John 15:18-20)

Hate is our default. (John 15:21-25)

The Holy Spirit has only one Subject. (John 15:26-27)

And? (John 16:1-4)

Memory Verse: John 15:26 "But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me."

Food for Thought for the week of December 2, 2018

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

1. When you think about being hated for being a follower of Jesus, what is your gut response?
2. Many Christians actively pursue a walk with Jesus that will cause no one to hate them. In fact, it is seen as admirable and progressive. What do you think Jesus would say about it?
3. Scripture speaks often about our heart tendencies leaning toward sin. We aren't just people who commit sin, we are born sinful. Why would most people counter this truth with "But I'm a pretty good person?"
4. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit talking to you about Jesus?
5. In verse 27, Jesus says "you also will bear witness." A closer look at the phrase tells us that Jesus is saying we must do this. Think about or discuss your own witness. How are you doing? What should this look like in our own time and culture?
6. The first few verses of chapter 16 are somewhat daunting and make us all get a little weak in the knees. Why does Jesus let these things happen? What is the ultimate purpose in our lives and in history? How could He possibly have a good plan through suffering?