

The Gospel of John: The Expertise of the Holy Spirit

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Text: John 16:4b-33 (page 902-903)

What a piece of work. (John 16:4b-15)

Just a little while. (John 16:16-24)

The baby steps of belief. (John 16:25-33)

Memory Verse: John 16:33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

Food for Thought for the week of December 9, 2018

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

1. Jesus knows your past, present, and future and His love for you is fixed and firm. Think about this truth as it applies to a specific circumstance and hurdle in your life right now. How does He see it, and you?
2. Jesus describes the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. How have you experienced this work this past week?
3. Jesus is fully aware of the sorrow that will come into the lives of His followers. As you read through verses 16-24, why does He allow it? What is the purpose of letting us go through it?
4. Jesus refers to “that day” in verse 23. What day is He referencing for the Disciples? What about us? (Hint: It has to do with seeing Him again.) Why is this future and past day crucial to our faith?
5. How do you feel about Jesus using figurative and symbolic speech throughout his ministry? Many times the outcome of this was misunderstanding, so why not use plain speech all the time?
6. Why does Jesus bring the disciples back to reality after they finally declare their belief in Him?
7. Considering the fact that they all would run away and scatter in the next few hours, what does it say about the disciples’ faith? What does it say about Jesus and His resolute mission?