

# The Work of the Holy Spirit - John 16:5-16

Topics: <u>Believers</u>, <u>Convictions</u>, <u>Doctrine</u>, <u>God</u>, <u>Guidance</u>, <u>Guilt</u>, <u>Holy Spirit</u>, <u>Jesus Christ</u>, <u>Judgment</u>, <u>Knowledge</u>, <u>Righteousness</u>, <u>Sin</u>, <u>Teaching</u>, <u>Truth</u>, <u>Unbelievers</u>, <u>Wisdom</u>, <u>World</u>

# **Open It**

- 1. How did you feel the last time you were separated from a friend by a move?
- 2. \*In what way can a conscience be both good and frustrating?

### **Explore It**

- 3. Where did Jesus tell His disciples He was going? (16:5)
- 4. What hadn't the disciples asked Jesus? (16:5)
- 5. How did Jesus' disciples feel about His leaving? (<u>16:6</u>)
- 6. Why was it for His disciples' benefit that Jesus was leaving? (16:7)
- 7. \*What would the Counselor do for the world? (<u>16:8</u>)
- 8. What would the Counselor do for the world when He came? (16:8-11)
- 9. \*What did Jesus say about the prince of this world?  $(\underline{16:11})$
- 10. \*What would the Spirit of truth do for Jesus' disciples when He came? (16:12-14)
- 11. In what way would the Spirit bring Jesus glory? (<u>16:14-15</u>)
- 12. When would the disciples see Jesus? (16:16)

### Get It

- 13. Why do most people feel guilty when they commit a sin?
- 14. If you had been one of Jesus' disciples, how would you have felt about His leaving?
- 15. How is the Holy Spirit convicting the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment?
- 16. Of what sins is the world guilty?
- 17. \*What role do Christians and the church play in prodding the conscience of the world?
- 18. \*How does the Holy Spirit teach believers?
- 19. About what truth is the Holy Spirit presently teaching you?
- 20. How has the Holy Spirit used you to bring glory to Jesus Christ?

# **Apply It**

- 21. \*How can you seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in reaching people who are dead in their sins?
- 22. About what spiritual truths will you ask the Holy Spirit to teach you?

# The Disciples' Grief Will Turn to Joy - John 16:17-33

Topics: <u>Assurance</u>, <u>Believe</u>, <u>Encouragement</u>, <u>God</u>, <u>Grief</u>, <u>Hope</u>, <u>Jesus Christ</u>, <u>Joy</u>, <u>Love</u>, <u>Mourning</u>, <u>Pain</u>, <u>Peace</u>, <u>Prayer</u>, <u>Questions</u>, <u>Truth</u>, <u>Understanding</u>, <u>Words</u>, <u>World</u>

### **Open It**

- 1. When might you use a figure of speech to explain something? Why?
- 2. What painful experiences in your life have resulted in joy?
- 3. \*When have you enthusiastically anticipated someone's return or arrival?

#### **Explore It**

- 4. How did the disciples react to Jesus' "in a little while" statement? (16:17-18)
- 5. \*What did Jesus tell His disciples would happen to them? (16:19-20)
- 6. To what did Jesus compare His disciples' response to His departure and return? (16:21-22)
- 7. What did Jesus tell His disciples they would do when they saw Him again? (16:23)
- 8. What hadn't the disciples done up until this point? (16:24)
- 9. What kind of language did Jesus use to speak to His disciples? (16:25)
- 10. Why did the Father love the disciples?  $(\underline{16:26-27})$
- 11. \*From where did Jesus come and to where was He going? (16:28)
- 12. Why did the disciples say that they believed Jesus had come from God? (16:29-30)
- 13. What did Jesus predict the disciples would do? (16:31-32)
- 14. What did Jesus want for His disciples? (16:33)
- 15. \*Why did Jesus tell the disciples to take heart? (16:33)

### Get It

- 16. How would you have responded to Jesus' words had you been there with His disciples?
- 17. \*What grief or sorrow in your life has God turned to joy?
- 18. For what can we ask the Father?
- 19. How has God made your joy complete?
- 20. \*How does the knowledge of Jesus' return make you joyful?
- 21. What figures of speech have helped you better understand spiritual truths?
- 22. What relationship do we have with the Father today?
- 23. What trouble do we have in the world as followers of Christ?
- 24. How does the fact that Jesus has overcome the world encourage you?

### **Apply It**

- 25. \*In the midst of trouble, on what encouraging truth from this passage will you rely?
- 26. Because of your restored relationship with the Father, what can you ask Him to give to you in Jesus' name?
- 27. What grief or sorrow do you need to entrust to God?