

Complete these questions *BEFORE* your Growth Group meets and then use your answers in discussion.

John 16

Jesus vs the world

TO PONDER:

Think back over the last week. What challenges did you face as a follower of Jesus?

Read John 16.1-6

What does Jesus warn the disciples will soon happen to them?

Why will it happen?

How does Jesus' warning connect with us here & now? (2 Timothy 3:12-13 might be helpful.)

In the verses that follow Jesus offers the disciples comfort about the benefits of him leaving them in the world.

Read John 16.7-11

What do we learn of the person of the Holy Spirit in these verses?

What do we learn of the ministry of the Holy Spirit?

How is the leaving of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit good news for believers in this world?

Read John 16.12-33

What do you notice of the disciple's response to all that Jesus has been teaching them?

How will the coming of the Holy Spirit help them?

How can we see the promises of Jesus here played out in the book of Acts as we think about the ministry of the disciples beyond the death & resurrection of Jesus? (Consider for example Acts 2.14-39)

Reflect on the great comfort of Jesus' words in v33. How do these words comfort us also?

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- \* Pray together in response to this Word of God for us.
- \* Pray for our brothers & sisters throughout the world facing persecution.