

Lesson 45 John 16:1-15 Jesus Continues to Prepare The Disciples for His Departure

Pray: Before you begin lift your heart to God and ask for the Spirit's help as you read the passage and work through these questions in His divine presence and you certainly will be given understanding.

Key Words:

Stumble (NASB): Strong's G4624 "skandalizo" to entrap: to trip up.

Thayer's Greek Lexicon: to cause a person to distrust and desert one whom he ought to trust and obey: to cause to fall away.

Helper : **Strong's G3875 "paraklētōs"**; - Advocate , Helper . It comes from the Greek verb "parakaleo" which means to aid, help, comfort or encourage.

Jesus continues His discourse with the disciples. He is preparing them for the future, a future without His physical presence in their lives.

Read John 16:1-3

1. At the end of the previous chapter Jesus told His disciples to expect hatred from the world. In 16:1 Jesus states the reason He told them before hand of the world's hatred. What was that reason?

2. In 16:2 what does He say will happen to the disciples in the way of persecution? What will those who are persecuting the disciples think they are doing?

3. In 16: 3 what does Jesus say is the real reason behind the persecution?

Application: Can you share a time you were tempted to question your faith when faced with persecution? How was your faith sustained?

4. In 16:4-7 Jesus again tells His disciples He is going to "Him who sent Him". According to Jesus how do the disciples feel about His departure? (16:6) How is He going to provide for them? (16:7)

Application: Most of us have felt sorrow over a loss in our lives. If this occurred in your life, how did the Lord provide for you?

5. Jesus used this opportunity to teach them more about the work of the Holy Spirit both in the world and in their lives. According to verses 8-11 what are the three ways the Holy Spirit will work in the world?

a. What is the sin of the world that is being spoken of here (16:9)

b. Who is true righteousness? (See 1 Corinthians 1:30) Why does the world need to know what true righteousness is? (Romans 3:10)

c. Why will the world be judged? V.11 (See also John 12:31)

Application: When witnessing to a non-believer how might knowing the work of the Holy Spirit as stated in 16:8-11 affect the way you share the gospel?

Now Jesus encourages His disciples by explaining the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Jesus' words are to us also. The Holy Spirit works the same way in each believer's life.

6. According to verses 16:13-15 what are some of the ways the Holy Spirit will work in the lives of the disciples?

Application: Based on Jesus' teaching in 16:13-15, share how the Holy Spirit has worked in your life?