

The Spirit's Present Work John 16:4b-15

SERMON OUTLINE

After Jesus leaves . . .

I. The Holy Spirit Comes to the Apostles (vv. 4b-7)

- A. What is an apostle? One sent to complete a task
 - 1. An apostle has an assignment
 - 2. An apostle has authority
 - 3. An apostle has accountability
- B. No one holds the OFFICE of apostle today
- C. We stand on & proclaim the apostles' teaching today

II. The Holy Spirit Convicts the World (vv. 8-11)

- A. The Spirit convicts the world concerning
 - 1. SIN
 - 2. RIGHTEOUSNESS
 - 3. JUDGMENT
- B. Take God's judgment seriously. Repent and believe.

III. The Holy Spirit Communicates the Truth (vv. 12-15)

- A. The apostles taught, healed, and casted out demons in service of the truth
- B. We are here to bear witness to the truth
- C. We stand on and proclaim the apostles' teaching to a world being convicted of sin, righteousness, & judgment

APPLICATIONS

- Reconsider your understanding of the office and the role of the apostle
- Familiarize yourself with the apostles' teaching
- Listen to the conviction of the Spirit and repent

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Give an example of something you didn't understand until you saw it for yourself (or until you were older and wiser).
2. What is the different between a spiritual gift and an office in the NT? (Ex. The gift of shepherding v. The office of elder)
3. Based on Pastor Jake's definition of the apostle, do you think the OFFICE of apostle exists today?
4. How has the Spirit convicted you of sin, righteousness, and/or judgment?
5. How are you seeking to deepen your understanding of the apostles' teaching?

OTHER QUESTIONS THAT MAY HELP

1. What does this text tell us about God?
2. What does this text tell us about man?
3. What should I put on or put off in my thinking?
4. What should I put on or put off in my doing?

LAST WEEK'S HOMEWORK

1. Read 1 Peter.
2. Remind yourself of the gospel through reading, praying, or listening to music throughout the week.

HOMEWORK

1. Make or continue a plan to consistently read the Scriptures.
2. Find a way to connect with people in your group to encourage them this week.