

EDiBS Participants Guide 4/2-4/8 – John 16:1-28

April 2nd – John 16:1-4

1. In what ways did Jesus' warnings to the disciples that they would be persecuted come true? (Consider Pastor Stark's comments on the first 30 years of Christianity in the book of Acts). (16:1)
2. When Jesus warned His disciples that anyone who killed them would think they were doing a service to God, what kind of people did He imply would do the killing? Do you see that happening in today's world? (16:2)

April 3rd – John 16:4-11

1. Why were the disciples filled with grief when He told them He was going away? Why should they have been filled with joy instead? (16:5-7)
2. What truths did Jesus say the Holy Spirit would give to the "world"? (16:8-10) What message through the Holy Spirit is the Church called to give the world today?

April 6th – John 16:12-16

1. Why couldn't the disciples bear to hear more from Jesus at this point? (16:12)
2. What is the central role of the Holy Spirit? (16:14)

April 7th – John 16:17-22

1. Even though the disciples didn't understand much of what Jesus was telling them about His death and resurrection, how did He reassure them that in the end, everything would work out? (John 16:20) How does Jesus' message of ultimate joy and victory reassure us today as we struggle with our fears and uncertainty, and with an incomplete understanding of God's word?
2. Why did Jesus tell His disciples that in the future they would no longer ask Him anything? (16:23,24)

April 8th – John 16:23-28

1. What comfort is it to you that these confused, fearful disciples would one day become bold men of God, filled with wisdom, teaching and preaching as leaders of the young Christian church?
2. How much of Jesus' words in verse 28 do you think the disciples understood?

