

## **Study #43**

### **The Promise of the Holy Spirit**

#### **John 16: 5-15**

#### **John's Purpose Statement:**

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

#### **Observation Questions**

##### **1. Review-The setting and context**

Jesus and the disciples are in what city?

What Jewish holiday is it?

Where is Jesus' teaching taking place?

From last week's passages, what should the disciples expect as they share the gospel?

##### **2. Read verses 16:5-7**

5 But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

Where, and to whom is Jesus going?

What is the unasked question?

What are some things that would lead the disciples to have sorrowful hearts?

Would you rather be with Jesus as He was with the disciples, or as we have Him today? Why? Share at your table

### **3. Read verses 16: 8-11**

8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; 11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

Who is the “He” that Jesus is speaking about?

What does the word “convict “ mean to you? Discuss with your table.

What three things in this passage will the Holy Spirit convict the world of?

### **Read Acts 1:1-4 - The Holy Spirit’s Coming**

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested[a] on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

According to the verses in Acts, when did the Holy Spirit come?

Who are “they” in this passage?

Was Jesus with them?

List the supernatural events are happening in this passage. What do you think they represent?

### **3. Read John 16: 12-15**

12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

How does Jesus show His love and concern for the disciples in verse 12?

What promise does Jesus make about the role of the Spirit?

On who's authority does the Spirit speak?

Discuss how, the Spirit, in verses 13-15, brings glory to Jesus.

## **Teaching Notes:**

The Unasked Question - 16:5-7

The Holy Spirit-The One who Convicts

The Holy Spirit's Guidance

## Going Deeper-Discussion Questions

What has been your experience or thoughts about the Holy Spirit before now? Did He play much of a part in whatever spiritual upbringing you have had?

What are some things that you learned about the Holy Spirit in today's lesson?

What are reasons some believers don't talk much about the Holy Spirit?

Can you share a time when you believed the Holy Spirit was working in you?

Have you seen the Holy Spirit work in you while reading the Word?

Do you have any questions about today's lesson that you would like to ask your table group?