

Home Group Notes
Week of February 27, 2022
John 16:16-33



DO YOU REMEMBER A TIME ...?

Can you recall a time when you were separating from loved ones? (e.g. Going away to school, moving to a distant location) What was it like?

LEARN FROM GOD'S WORD, THE BIBLE

Read through the final portion of Jesus' words in the final hours before the cross: John 16:16-33

Jesus repeats that something big is happening soon. (See 13:1). Read through the "you" statements in verses 16-22. What does Jesus say will happen to them? (16)

What is their response to Jesus words? (17-18)

What did Jesus predict that they would soon experience? (19-22)

Jesus returns to a topic that He has addressed multiple times in this evenings conversation: prayer. Why do you think He finished the evening by addressing prayer? (23-28)

What do we learn about prayer (which includes "asking about something" and "asking for something")? (23-28) Be specific. Include what we learn about God, Jesus' mission, the results of prayer, etc.

In the final paragraph, the disciples came to conclusion about Jesus (30). How is this a summary of what we have seen in this whole gospel?

What is Jesus' response to their statement? How did this prediction come to pass? What would He tell them would happen?

What was Jesus' purpose for these final words? (33) How is this still true for us?

APPLY IT THIS WEEK

Are we sometimes like the disciples who heard things from Jesus and still not take it to heart? Which of these final words do you need to take to heart? Feeling abandoned by God? Struggling with the trouble of this world? Trying to fulfill Jesus' mission without praying? What is God saying to you that you can apply now?

DISCUSS TOGETHER

This passage ends Jesus' teaching in the upper room with the disciples only hours before He is arrested. He has repeatedly said that "His hour had come" (13:1) referring to His soon arrest and crucifixion. He said what they will feel: "grief" followed by "joy." He used terms like "in a little while" and "time" (Lit. "hour") referring to the gap when they waited to see Him again. During that time, the disciples would experience tribulation followed by the joy of the resurrection.

We too live with a gap. We are awaiting a time when we will live forever in the complete presence of the Lord (Revelation 21:3). How have these chapters instructed and encouraged us while we live in this world?

How are we to live day to day?

What kind of people are we to be?

What is our purpose and mission?

What promises does Jesus give us? What provisions does He give?

How is prayer involved in our mission and bearing fruit?

What are His commands and instructions?

How are we to stay encouraged?

PRAYER NEEDS

There is so much that we ask of our Father.

- Pray for one another as we seek to "abide" (remain) in Jesus together
- Pray for our helpers, teachers, leaders partnering with parents in our Kid's Ministries
- Praise for the shepherds of our student and young adult ministries
- Pray for leaders of our country as we respond to troubles in our world