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**Promise of the Spirit**  
**John 16**  
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## Using This Study

### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

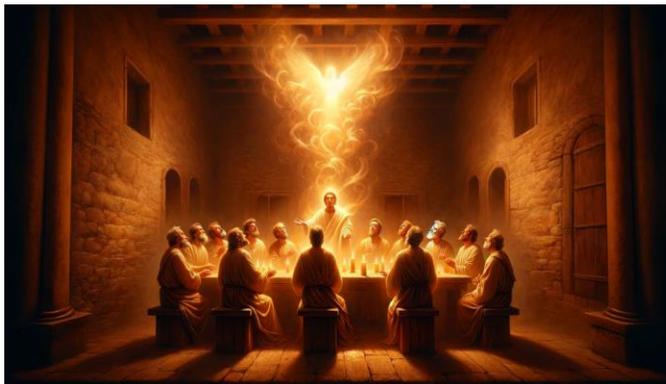
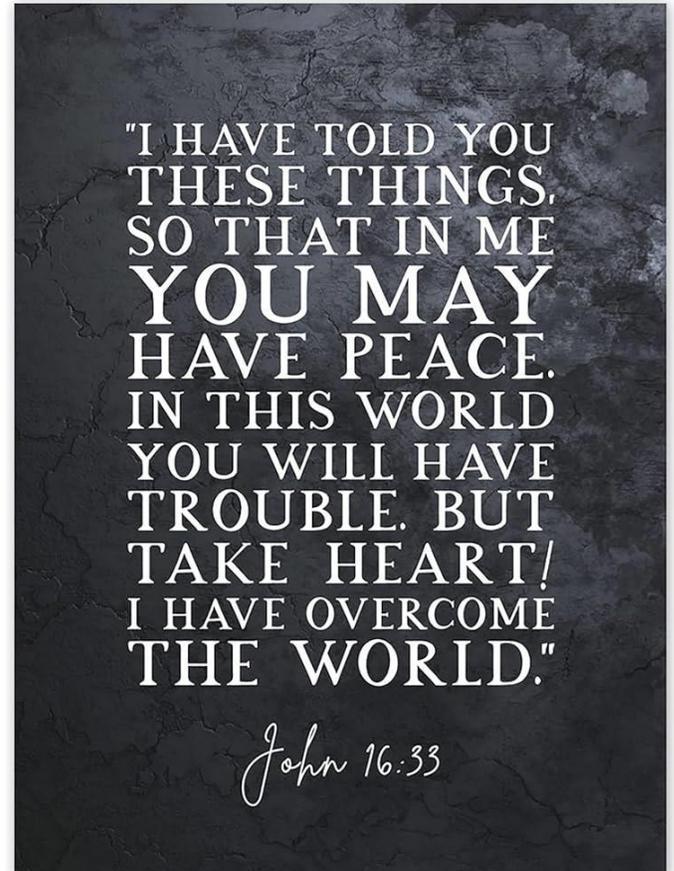
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we will study John Chapter 16. In this passage Jesus promises the coming of the Holy Spirit. The big benefit of Jesus returning to the Father is that the Spirit comes to be with His followers. The Spirit is still with us today as followers of Jesus. Join us this week as we talk about the blessing of the Holy Spirit.

## Jesus' Warning

**16** "These things I have spoken to you so that you will not be led into sin. **2** They will ban you from the synagogue, yet an hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that he is offering a service to God. **3** These things they will do because they have not known the Father nor Me. **4** But these things I have spoken to you, so that when their hour comes, you may remember that I told you of them. However, I did not say these things to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

## The Holy Spirit Promised

**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, grief has filled your heart. **7** But I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I am leaving; for if I do not leave, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. **8** And He, when He comes, will convict the world regarding sin, and righteousness, and judgment: **9** regarding sin, because they do not believe in Me; **10** and regarding righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you no longer *are going to see* Me; **11** and regarding judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

**12** "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* at the present time. **13** But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. **14** He will glorify Me, for He will take from Mine and will disclose *it* to you. **15** All things that the Father has are Mine; this is why I said that He takes from Mine and will disclose *it* to you.

## Jesus' Death and Resurrection Foretold

**16** "A little while, and you no longer *are going to see* Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me." **17** So some of His disciples said to one another, "What is this that He is telling us, 'A little while, and you are not *going to see* Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" **18** So they were saying, "What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is talking *about*." **19** Jesus knew that they wanted to question Him, and He said to them, "Are you deliberating together about this, that I said, 'A little while, and you are not *going to see* Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me'? **20** Truly, truly I say to you that you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will grieve, but your grief will be turned into joy! **21** Whenever a woman is in labor she has pain, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy that a child has been born into the world. **22** Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one *is going to* take your joy away from you.

## Prayer Promises

**23** And on that day you will not question Me about anything. Truly, truly I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you. **24** Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full.

<sup>25</sup> "These things I have spoken to you in figures of speech; an hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech, but will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup> On that day you will ask in My name, and I am not saying to you that I will request of the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup> for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came forth from the Father. <sup>28</sup> I came forth from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

<sup>29</sup> His disciples \*said, "See, now You are speaking plainly and are not using any figure of speech. <sup>30</sup> Now we know that You know all things, and *that* You have no need for anyone to question You; this is why we believe that You came forth from God." <sup>31</sup> Jesus replied to them, "Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup> Behold, an hour is coming, and has *already* come, for you to be scattered, each to his own *home*, and to leave Me alone; and *yet* I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. <sup>33</sup> These things I have spoken to you so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

**● EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details from this passage.**

Make 10 of your own observations from this passage. Avoid jumping to make interpretive decisions or drawing applications. Save those for the sections that follow. At this point just observe this passage and what it says. Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, and what stands out to you. Look at the verbs, what actions are in the text? Who is involved in the text? There is no right or wrong answer, just list 10 things you see in the text.

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**② Explore His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community group discussion)

**What does God MEAN?**

1. What do you think the sin is in verse 1?

2. What is the advantage of Jesus leaving? (7)

3. What will the Spirit guide us to?

4. What is Jesus explaining in verse 20?

5. Why won't they question Jesus about anything? (23)

6. What reason does Jesus give for the Father loving them? (27)

7. What gives us peace? (33)

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)  
**Why does this MATTER to me?**

8. Often in life we have questions about why God allowed certain things to happen. Considering verse 23 and the context around it do you think we will question God about things when He returns? Why or why not?

9. As believers we are given the Spirit just like the disciples. What benefits does the Spirit offer us?

10. What do you think is the main idea of this passage? How does it apply to your life?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

**Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...**

*Sermon Notes*