

The Helper (9/22/24)

Discussion Questions

Summary: The one thing we can count on in life is *change*. Life was about to change for the disciples and Jesus prepared them saying, “I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away” (John 16:1). Then he gave them three principles to help them with the changes and troubles that were coming: 1) remember the teachings of Jesus (e.g. it’s a blessing to be persecuted); 2) trust in God’s good provision and; 3) let the Holy Spirit do His job. What changes are you facing right now? Be encouraged to let the Helper help *you* navigate the twists and turns of life!

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How to Handle Change:

- **Remember** the teachings of Jesus
 - Expect **Persecution** (v. 1-3; Matt. 5:10-12)
 - God will tell you what you need to know **When** you need to know it (v. 4,12)
- Trust in God’s good **Provision**
 - It won’t be the **Same** as last time (v. 4)
 - You will **Grieve** as you adjust (v. 5-6)
 - Cling to the **Goodness** of God (v. 7)
- Let the Holy Spirit do **His** job
 - Convicting people of sin and **Unbelief** (v. 9)
 - Convincing people of **Right** and wrong (v. 10)
 - Confirming the **Justice** of God’s coming judgment (v. 11)

“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.” John 16:7

Get Started:

1. What changes in life have you been through recently? How has that gone for you?

Dig In: Read John 16:1-11

2. What stands out to you in this passage?
3. What had Jesus said (and done) in the preceding message (John 13-15)?
4. How would those teachings keep the disciples from falling away (John 16:1)?
5. How does v. 12 encourage you?
6. How was it to their advantage (and ours) that Jesus went away (v. 7)?
7. What is the Holy Spirit’s job in the world (v. 8-11)?

Move Forward:

- This Sunday (9/22) we said the Spiritual Life commitments together in the service. How did that feel to you? What was meaningful about it?
- Review the Spiritual Life Worksheet again. How have these commitments become more personal and meaningful for you over the last few weeks?
- How has the Holy Spirit spoken to you? How is He leading you and speaking to you right now?
- How can we pray for you as you trust in the Lord and walk with the Spirit?