



JOHN CHAPTER 16 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- **What is the longest you have waited for something that you really wanted? Describe how you waited.**
- **Opening Prayer**
 - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Tell the Story

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

Read the Story (John 16:1-33)

Read aloud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.

John 16:1-4

- How do we reconcile what Jesus tells His disciples in this passage and what He says about following Him in Matthew 11:28-30?

- While following Jesus will always be worth it, following in His steps will not always be easy. In Matthew 11:28-30, Jesus is speaking about a peace and comfort that He offers that only come through following Him. This peace and comfort do not mean that disciples won't have to face battles throughout their life of following in His steps.
 - What do you need to more fully practice when resistance comes because of your decisions to follow Jesus?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.

John 16:5-15

- How is what Jesus says in verses 5-7 intended to encourage His disciples whose hearts are broken because of His pending departure?
 - Jesus wanted His disciples to understand that while He was physically with them on the earth, He was confined by time and space restraints as a human being. His Spirit being with them and in them was going to be far better than a physical presence that could not always be with them and that could not always be with and within every single human being.
 - How do you intentionally live with an awareness of God's Spirit being in you every day?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
- When Jesus uses the word "convict" in verse eight, this word has the meaning behind it of a witness being cross examined and convinced of the truth. In other words, the Holy Spirit is the one who is responsible for convicting and convincing every single

person of their sin, God's love, and their need of a Savior. My job as a disciple is to love and proclaim truth.

- How do you need to move out of the way on a daily basis and "stay in your lane" when it comes to the work of the Holy Spirit in your life and the lives of others?
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John 16:16-24

- How would you describe "Christian joy" and why is this important to remember and cling to when following Jesus?
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- What is Jesus pointing His disciples to regarding joy in the midst of sorrow?
 - Jesus is pointing His disciples to remember that no one can take their joy in following Jesus away from them unless they allow it to be stolen. He is reminding them that better things are always on the horizon for them and thus for us. What we see as disciples with our physical eyes is not the entire story nor is it the best part of the story. Finally, He is reminding them that their joy is not dependent on their circumstances or any battles that they will face.

John 16:25-33

- Notice that although Jesus is God Himself, He continues to point His disciples to the Father. Even as Jesus is approaching His death, the attention is directed towards His Father.
 - How do you see this incredible example of Jesus at work in your own life on a daily basis?

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Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time
- Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week (John Chapter 17)



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