

## John 15:18-16:33 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

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| 4. From John 16:1-4 what two things did Jesus promise the disciples (v2) and why would this happen (v2, 3)? Why did Jesus tell this to them (v1, 4)?  |  |
| 5. Read 16:5-11. What did Jesus again tell the disciples (v5), how did it affect them (v6), and how would He deal with this (v7)? Explain what the Spirit does (v8-11).                         |  |
| 6. Based on 16:12-15 what was Jesus' desire (v12) and how would He fulfill this (v13)? What will the Spirit do in relation to Jesus and how (v14-15)?   |  |
| 7. In 16:16-22 what did Jesus again reveal (v16) and how did the disciples respond (v17-18)? How did Jesus explain this (v19-20, 21, 22) and what would result (v22)?                           |  |
| 8. From 16:23-24 how are we to ask in prayer (v23) and why will it be answered (v23)? Why does this lead to joy (v24)? Apply.   |  |
| 9. From 16:25-28 how was Jesus speaking to the disciples and how would this change (v25)? How would the prayer process change and why (v26-27)? What did He declare (v28)?                      |  |
| 10. Using 16:29-33 what did the disciples finally "get" (v29-30)? What was Jesus' response (v31) and why (v32)? What was His purpose in saying all of this to them (v33)?                       |  |
| 11. Review John 15:18-16:33. Identify the ways that Jesus encouraged His disciples regarding their fear of coming trouble. What trouble are you facing and how can you apply this to your life? |  |

### Scripture to Remember

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world"

**John 16:33 (NASV)**

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### Life Group Questions—Go Bold or Go Home (Acts 4:1-22)

*(Using questions from Sunday's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)*

1. Each one in the group answer this question: "On a scale of 1-10 (10 the most) how bold are you in witnessing for Christ?" What does it mean to be bold in your witness?
2. Read Acts 4:1-13. Why were the apostles on trial (v8-9) and how does this relate to opportunities to bear witness for Jesus? How compassionate are you and what keeps us from being more that way? How can we develop this?
3. Who are some of the "enemies" of the faith that we encounter (or imagine) daily? What conviction must we have to be willing to share our faith anyway?
4. Why is it critical to be filled with the Spirit to effectively witness for Christ? Discuss the importance of being prepared and of "keeping short accounts" with God to be filled and used. How are you doing with this?
5. In witnessing opportunities do you tend to go with "God" talk or "Jesus" talk? Why is it necessary to focus on Jesus, rather than just God, and why does this require courage?
6. Read 4:19. How can we apply that in our witnessing, both in words and actions?
7. Share about anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

## Is It Safe?

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In the 1976 movie, *Marathon Man*, actor Dustin Hoffman was on the run from a Nazi war criminal who supposed he was after him. Repeatedly he was asked, “Is it safe?” The disciples could have asked this question, too, in the last hours before the crucifixion. Knowing their fear, Jesus spoke comfort and peace to them in various ways, as we see in this week’s study. He did this first as He talked about their upcoming persecution. He reminded them that because He had been persecuted they would be, too, but it was due to their hatred of Him and the Father. Furthermore, He declared that if He had not spoken His message to them from the Father and had not performed His works before them, they would not have sin; but, since He had, they were accountable for hat-

ing Him without cause—a fulfillment of Scripture. Next, Jesus revealed the disciples’ promise, the coming Holy Spirit. He would bear witness to Jesus, just as the disciples would do later because they had been with Jesus. He also told them that they would be ejected from synagogues and even killed by those who thought they were doing God’s will. When this occurred they would be reminded that Jesus had forewarned them. He then elaborated on the role of the Holy Spirit who would come when He left. He would convict the world about sin, which was essentially rejection of Jesus. He would also convict them regarding righteousness because Jesus, the standard of righteousness, was no longer present. Last, He would convict them about judgment since the cross



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would condemn the ruler of their world, Satan. He told them that the Spirit would glorify Him by speaking His words. Jesus went on to express plainly that sorrow was coming, but would be closely followed by joy, just like childbirth. In that day their prayer in Jesus’ name would be answered because of the Father’s love for them. They finally understood, but Jesus informed them that they would all scatter from Him soon. However, they were to receive His peace in the midst of their tribulation. They would then have a positive answer to “Is it safe?”

## Study Questions for John 15:18-16:33

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study%20questions))

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| 1. Read John 15:18-21. What relationship would the disciples have with the world (v18, 19, 20)? Why would it be this way (v18, 19, 20, 21)? Why should this encourage the disciples? |  |
| 2. Using 15:22-25 what was the effect of Jesus’ message to the world (v22, 23) and the works He did (v24)? Why did it occur like this (v25) and why was this important?              |  |
| 3. In 15:26-27 how is the Spirit identified (v26), when will He come (v26), and what will one of His primary functions be (v26)? Who else will do this and why (v27)? Apply.         |  |

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