



God's Spirit- John 16
January 25th, 2015

OBSERVE & REFLECT

(This section is designed to encourage us to reflect on and observe the scripture and weekend sermon.)

READ John 16:4-15

- ☀ Read the text at least twice. Try reading the text from two different translations.
- ☀ What do you observe in the text? What jumps out at you and grabs your attention? What questions do you have from the text? Pay attention to any action words or phrases and observe what the implications are.

INVESTIGATE & APPLY

(This section focuses on what the scripture has to say as we dig deeper into the Word. It is oriented to create discussion on the Scripture.)

1. What is the context of John 16? Re-read John 14-17, which is commonly referred to as the "Upper Room Discourse". With these being Jesus' last words to his disciples, what stands out? What are the main things that Jesus wanted his disciples to know?
2. In several places in these chapters, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit (14:15-17; 26; 15:26-27; 16:4-15). What does he tell his disciples in these verses concerning the role of the Holy Spirit?
3. How had the disciples understanding of God changed with the incarnation of Jesus and these words concerning the Holy Spirit? Was the Trinity something that they were familiar with, or did their beliefs change as Jesus taught them these things?
4. Read John 16:7. What does Jesus mean when he tells his disciples that it is to their advantage that he goes away? Give two reasons that it is advantageous to us that Jesus left.
5. Read John 16:8. Jesus says that it is the role of the Spirit to convict. Look this word up in a dictionary. What does it mean? How does the Holy Spirit convict us? Why is this a good thing?

"Hearing God? A daring idea, some would say- presumptuous and even dangerous. But what if we are made for it? What if the human system simply will not function without it? There are good reasons to think it will not. The fine texture as well as the grand movements of life show the need. Is it not, in fact, more presumptuous and dangerous to undertake human existence without hearing God?"

-Dallas Willard, Hearing God

NEXT STEPS

- ☀ Think of your earliest experiences feeling guilty. Do you remember what you felt guilty about? How do you connect those feelings and what Jesus said about the Spirit's role of conviction in our lives?
- ☀ When we are convicted, what does God want us to see and do? What does it look like to make this a pattern in our lives, with the questions "What is God saying?", and "What am I going to do about it?"