

Secrets of the Spirit
John 16:5-15

Purpose: Purpose: to recognize and depend on the Holy Spirit's power as we confront life's difficulties.

Group Discussion: How do you handle goodbyes? Do you find it easier to be the one leaving or the one staying behind? Why?

1. After reading John 16:5–15, what emotions do you think the disciples were experiencing as Jesus spoke? How do you imagine you might have responded if you were in their place?
2. Jesus tells the disciples that His departure will actually benefit them because the Spirit will come. In your own words, what makes the Spirit's coming even better for them than Jesus staying?
3. How is the Holy Spirit's presence with believers today even more beneficial than if Jesus were still here in person?
4. (Verses 8-11) Based on these verses, what responsibilities (or actions) does Jesus assign to the Holy Spirit concerning the world?
5. In what ways do you see the Holy Spirit carrying out this same convicting and awakening work in people who don't yet believe today?
6. (Verse 11) Jesus says that the "*prince of this world*" (Satan) stands condemned. How has Satan already been "judged or defeated?" What does this reveal about his power and future?
7. From what Jesus says in verses 8–11, what role do we play in helping others come to faith in Christ, and what role belongs to the Holy Spirit?
8. (Verses 12-15) As you read these verses, what do you notice about the kinds of things the Holy Spirit will speak (or make known) to the disciples?
9. In what ways does the Holy Spirit lead believers into God's truth and help us honor Jesus in our lives today?
10. As you sit with this passage, what truth from God's Word do you want the Holy Spirit to make clearer (or more real in) your heart?

What to pray for: Pray that the Holy Spirit will instruct you and make Jesus the center of all you do.