

WORKOUT

JOHN 15:26–16:15

Believe
and
LIVE
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

PONDER

Read all of John chapters 15 and 16, focusing on 15:26–16:15.

Ponder the promise of the Holy Spirit, the Helper who will come to be with God's people forever (14:16).

Consider each of the things that Jesus says the Holy Spirit will do. What is the significance of each of these? How do each of these things impact the life of the Jesus follower?

- He will teach us all things and bring to remembrance all that Jesus has said (14:26).
- He will be our Helper and will bear witness about Jesus (15:26).
- He will convict the world concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment (16:9-11).
- He will guide us into all truth and will not speak on His own authority, but will speak whatever He hears (16:13).
- He will declare the things that are to come (16:13).
- He will glorify the Son (16:14).

How will the Spirit “guide into all the truth” (16:13)?

- Why is it significant that the Spirit of truth does not speak on His own authority, but speaks whatever He hears (16:13)?
- How does the Spirit relate to Jesus's revelation that He is the way, the truth, and the life (14:6)?
- How does the Spirit relate to Jesus's prayer, “Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth” (17:17)?
- How do these passages help to expose the danger of trying to personally listen to or discern the Holy Spirit apart from God's Word? Also, consider 2 Peter 1:19-21.

PRAY

Pray Holistically

Read John 16:14 and pray for the glory of the Lord.

- Father, thank you for sending the Spirit to your people in Jesus's name. Thank you that He enables our abiding in the Son, who is the way, the truth, and the life. Jesus is deserving of all honor, glory, and blessing. May all that we do bring glory back to Him!

Pray Personally

Read John 16:8-11 and pray that you would respond faithfully to the Holy Spirit's conviction.

- Father, you have sent your Spirit to us so that we would have a Helper. When He convicts me of sin, help me to respond in humble repentance. When He reveals righteousness, help me to respond in zealous faithfulness. Help me to run from the ruler of this world who is judged, to flee the prince of the power of the air (Ephesians 2:2).

PRACTICE

“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away” (16:1). Whoever believes in Jesus is given the Spirit. This week, purpose to walk in step with the Spirit (Galatians 5:25), to not fall away from the living God (Luke 8:13; Hebrews 3:12).

- Read Galatians 5:22-25. Is the way you think about these fruits more aligned with how Scripture defines them, or how the world defines them?
 - What opportunities do you have this week to love as Jesus loved? (John 13:34-35; 15:13)
 - What opportunities do you have to pursue peace as God defines peace? (Ephesians 2:14-18; Romans 12:17-18; Philippians 4:4-7)
 - What opportunities do you have to be faithful? (Matthew 25:20-24; 1 Corinthians 4:2)
- Read John 16:13. Consider the Spirit's work to inspire the writing of the Scriptures and His ongoing work to lead God's people (Romans 8:13-14), to give us eyes to see and behold the glory of God in His Word (2 Corinthians 3:15-18), to sanctify His people (2 Corinthians 6:11), and to speak whatever He hears.
 - Set aside time every day to read, study, and meditate on God's Word. It is truth (17:17).
 - Pray that you would not elevate your personal discernment or merely attach the Spirit's name to your will, but would faithfully trust and walk in what He has said.