

CHRIST'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

The Gospel of John: The Deity and Teaching of Jesus Christ

"Super Bowl Pressure, Holy Spirit Power"

John 15:26 – 16:4 NKJV

26 "But when the [a]Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. 27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

Jesus Warns and Comforts His Disciples

16 1 "These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. 2 They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. 3 And these things they will do [b]to you because they have not known the Father nor Me. 4 But these things I have told you, that when [c]the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them.

Main Points

Instruction (2 Tim 3:16): What is God telling me?**Inspiration** (Romans 8:16): How is the Holy Spirit moving me?**Imitator of Christ** (Ephesians 5:1): How will I serve God by imitating Jesus?**My prayer this week:**

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. Our Helper, the Holy Spirit, helps us know what is true. In everyday life (work, family, conflict, relationships with others), where do you tend to trust your own instincts more than asking God for His guidance?
2. Jesus expects His followers to speak about Him. What does sharing your faith look like in your life right now—and what usually makes you hesitate?
3. What kinds of pushback or pressure do you notice as a believer today, and how do you usually deal with it? Does your response resemble Jesus?
4. Jesus says some people think they're doing the right thing but are actually missing God's heart. How do you examine yourself to make sure your views and habits are shaped by Jesus, not just culture or routine?
5. We see that Jesus shares these warnings to help His followers stay steady. When following Jesus costs you comfort, approval, or control, what helps you stay faithful—and where do you still struggle?

The Nature of the Enemy

John 8:44 "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it."

The Reality of Persecution & Stumbling

Matthew 13:21 "...yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles."

1 Peter 4:12 "Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you..."

1 Peter 5:9 "Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world."

The "Religious" Persecution (Saul/Paul)

Acts 8:3 "As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison."

Acts 26:11 "And I punished them often in every synagogue and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted them even to foreign cities."

Acts 3:15 "...and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses."

The Cost of Discipleship (The "Blackout")

Psalms 27:10 "When my father and my mother forsake me, Then the Lord will take care of me."

Matthew 10:37 "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me."

Hebrews 13:13 "Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach."

Galatians 1:10 "For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a bondservant of Christ."

The Reward & Perspective

Matthew 5:11-12 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Acts 5:41 "So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name."

2 Corinthians 4:17 "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory..."