

## **Can I get a little help: John 15:26 - 16:15 Study May 23 2021**

Have you ever been persecuted for your faith?

### **Read John 15:26-16:4**

Verse 26 mentions “bearing witness to Jesus.” What do you think this means?

What does Jesus say will happen to His disciples when they bear witness to Him after He is gone?

Think about the situation of the disciples. Why would it be hard for Jesus to leave them?

### **Read John 16:5-24**

Jesus said that it was for the disciples' good that he go away and that the Counselor come. Why was the Spirit's presence more profitable to the disciples than Jesus' presence?

What did Jesus say the Spirit would do? Make a list.

The Spirit's ministry is one of communication. What specific things did Jesus say the Spirit would communicate to the disciples (vv. 13-15)?

Why would Jesus' promise bring them joy in the midst of their grief and confusion? Vs 19-22

How is trusting God's plan for your life better than pursuing your own plan?

Some people are concerned that they may mistake their own thoughts, fears and desires, or the promptings of the Devil for the voice of the Holy Spirit. How might we safeguard against this?

Jesus said that the disciples were not asking questions because they were too filled with grief. Can you think of a time when you could not concentrate on what Jesus was saying because of a distracted mind or a grieving heart?

What does Jesus tell the disciples about the servant/master relationship? Where did Jesus use this same servant/master principle to teach the disciples earlier that night? Read John 13:15-16.

What kinds of persecution are more probable for us today in our world? Explain.

How are you experiencing the world's hatred as a Christian?

How can your small group pray for you and the opposition that you will face this week?

### **Next Steps**

Memorize John 15:26,27

Spend some time thinking and praying about God's will and plan

Look for the signs that God is at work (when you see them learn more about them)