



Connect Group study

John 16 (part 1)

In this study, we'll continue to look at the work of the Holy Spirit and will compare and contrast His work with that of our enemy, Satan.

J Icebreaker – play a game where one person shuts their eyes and tries to guess which other group member is speaking when they use a silly voice. The person guessing may need to spin around with their eyes shut so they can't tell who it is.

Read John 16:7-14

Reflect

Q1. Why did Jesus say it was for our good that He was going away?

Q2. According to Jesus, the Holy Spirit will convict the world of three things when He comes (v8). What are they and what do these things mean?

Q3. The Bible also tells us what Satan has come to do. What does Revelation 12:10 teach?

Q4. Christians sometimes make the mistake of believing that the accusations of Satan are the conviction of the Holy Spirit. However, Jesus teaches that the Holy Spirit convicts the 'world' (ie. unbelievers) and acts as a helper / advocate / counsellor / intercessor to the believer.

- a. What kinds of things do you think Satan will say to the believer when they sin?
- b. What would the Holy Spirit say?

Respond

Q5. How might we better discern the difference between the voice of the Advocate and the voice of the Accuser in our daily lives?

Pray for one another that you'd better be able to discern the Holy Spirit's voice.

Key verse(s)

But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.
(John 16:7 NIV)