

COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

35 Re-Think of Gospel

INTRODUCTION | The spirit of truth

Jesus talks about how the Holy Spirit is at work in the midst of pain, trouble and sadness offering comfort, hope and power. We can take 3 points from today's scripture passage. First, let us look at the help offered by the Holy Spirit in the midst of trouble. Secondly, what exactly is the work of the Holy Spirit as He is called the Spirit of truth. Thirdly, the Holy Spirit applies the reality of Jesus Christ to us and causes us to walk in His bounty.

SCRIPTURE | John 16:1-16

1 “I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. 2 They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. 3 And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. 4 But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. 5 But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; 11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. 12 “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.
Your Sorrow Will Turn into Joy
16 “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.”

QUESTIONS |

- 1: (1-3) What did Jesus tell his disciples would soon occur? Does this apply to us?
- 2: (7) During times of trouble and persecution what hope is offered to us? Have you ever had that kind of experience?(ref John 14:26-27)
- 3: (8-11) The Holy Spirit is referred to as "the helper" and "the spirit of truth". What do these names signify about His work? How is the Holy Spirit's work in these ways a blessing to us?
- 4: (13-14) There are many voices claiming that the Spirit cannot be understood. What kind of experience do you have of the Spirit's work in your life? Please share amongst yourselves. (Ref 1 Corinthians 12:3)
- 5: (15) Jesus said that his leaving was a benefit because in His place the helper would come. How is this the case? (Ref 8:26-30)
- 6: Please share your troubles and difficulties with one another and pray for one another.

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REFERENCES |

John 14:26-27

26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

1 Corinthians 12:3

3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit

Romans 8:26,28,30

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because[g] the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. 28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good,[h] for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

PRAYER |

- Praise the Lord for being our help, hope and power in the midst of trial and difficulty. Consider how in the midst of difficult circumstances is changing you more and more into image of Christ.
- Confess the sin of trying to be your own savior by denying that you need the help of the Holy Spirit. Pray that the Holy Spirit gives you faith. Unless the Spirit is at work within you you will wither.

UPCOMING EVENTS | This Week & Next Week

(1) Lunchtime meeting (30th Marunouchi, 10/1 Otemachi)

(2) Obento Project 10/3

(3)Worship Location (10/4 KDDI Hall)

(4)Community Group Leader's Meeting (10/5)

(5) Lunchtime meeting (Kasumigaseki 10/6, Otemachi 10/7)

(6) Ibaraki Volunteer Trip (10/10-12)

(7)Redeemer Short term team (10/10-19)