



Gospel of John Ch. 16: "The Disciples are Deeply Troubled"

Opening Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank you for bringing us together in your name.
Bless our time together as we seek to be more like the image of Christ.
We know that your word is trustworthy and true. Open our hearts and minds to the wisdom of your word.
Let your truth guide our thoughts, words and actions daily so that we can share it with those we encounter.
We ask these things in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Study Guide Group Questions: John 16:1-33

- 1) What did Jesus warn His disciples that they could expect if they continued to follow Him (see verses 1-4)?

- 2) Why did Jesus say it was to the disciple's advantage that He was going away? What would the promised Holy Spirit do when He arrived (see verses 5-11)?

- 3) What words from Jesus caused the disciples to murmur among themselves? What were they having difficulty understanding (see verses 17-18)?

- 4) How did Jesus use the metaphor of a woman in labor to describe the disciple's coming sorrow? How was He encouraging them to persevere (see verses 20-22)?

Closing Prayer

May the LORD bless us and keep us.

May the LORD make His face shine upon us and be gracious to us.

May the LORD lift up His countenance towards us and give us His peace,

The kind of peace that can only come from the Prince of Peace,

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.