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The Spirit and the World, Part 2

John 16:1-15



Background:

As we continue our studies in the Upper Room Discourse, this week's text is a continuation from last week. Jesus re-states his comments about the persecution his disciples will receive from the world simply because they abide in him. And, in the midst of this persecution, Jesus says the Holy Spirit will continue to work by convicting the world and by helping his disciples. Join us as we hear Jesus give more clarification regarding the Spirit and the world.

Sermon Text (ESV):

John 16:1-15

16 "All this I have told you so that you will not fall away. 2 They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God. 3 They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. 4 I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, 5 but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' 6 Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. 7 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. 8 When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 about sin, because people do not believe in me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11 and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

12 “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. 14 He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. 15 All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

Discussion Questions:

- Preparation
 - What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
 - What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?
- Sermon Questions
 - As you reflect on the sermon, what stands out to you most?
 - Now that the Paraclete has come, we don't need to travel anywhere to have the presence of Jesus! How is this an encouragement to you in your challenges or struggles?
 - Shawn taught how the Paraclete bears witness about Jesus by convicting (& convincing) the world about three important things. What stood out to you?
 - Sin: 9 about sin, because people do not believe in me; Jesus clarifies that sin stems from not believing in who he is
 - Righteousness: 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; the Jesus way is the only right way
 - Judgment: 11 and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned: the cross is where Satan is judged, defeated, and dethroned

- For whom in your life do you need to need to be a “listener”, entering the conversation already begun by the Spirit if you are invited by the Spirit or the other person?
- John 16:12-15 teaches us that the Paraclete will 1) guide us into truth, 2) declare the future, and 3) glorify Jesus.
 - How are each of these aspects important in your life? How can they influence your actions & behaviors this week?