

3. The Spirit works in already-followers of Jesus to strengthen our _____ and _____.

- The Spirit _____ us into truth about Jesus.
- The Spirit _____ the person and work of Jesus.

Jesus' "Farewell Discourse" in John 13-17 is filled with new and unique teaching; things Jesus has never said before now. Why? Because Jesus is now preparing His followers for His mission. Here in John 16, Jesus teaches 3 things about the work of the Spirit in His mission.

1. The Spirit is the indwelling, empowering _____ of Jesus for the accomplishment of the _____ of Jesus.

- The Spirit is the _____ (15:26).
- The Spirit bears witness and helps us bear witness about _____ (15:26).

2. The Spirit works in not-yet-followers of Jesus to overcome our _____.

- The Spirit uses truth to make us aware of our _____.
- The Spirit uses truth to make us aware of Jesus' _____.
- The Spirit uses truth to make us aware of coming _____.

TAKING ACTION

This week . . .

- Pray for the CONVICTING work of the Spirit in someone you know who needs Jesus.
- Pray for the GUIDING work of the Spirit in yourself as you read, study, and talk about the Bible/Jesus.

NEXT WEEK: *Jesus and the Turning of Sorrow to Joy | John 16:16-24*

Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org/groups

CONNECT *(ask this question to check-in with your group)*

Share a personal theme word or phrase for 2024 that you're thinking about as we step into the new year.

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read John 15:26-16:15 together as a group. How did you "come under" God's Word and the message this week? How did this text/message speak to you?
2. What are the indications and clues in this text and chapter that make it clear that Jesus is talking about the work of the Spirit as it relates to HIS MISSION? Why does this matter?

3. If we talk about the Spirit, we often talk about the Spirit's work in believers; but Jesus talks here about the Spirit's work in not-yet-believers. What difference does that make for you?

4. What does the Spirit glorify? In which verse? What does that mean?

5. What is the Spirit's relation to God's Word? What are INSPIRATION and ILLUMINATION, and how does each relate to Spirit's work? Why must Spirit and Word always go hand in hand in our understanding and our church life together?

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

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