

Knowing God | John 16:6-11

Opening Activity

The opening activity is designed to help you move into the lesson portion of your meeting time. These icebreaker questions will help to engage your group members in conversation.

- **What are some words that come to mind when you hear the word “Holy Spirit”?**
- **What is one thing you want to learn about the Holy Spirit during this study?**

Scripture Reading

Ask one of your group members to read the Scripture; make sure they are comfortable with reading in front of a group.

John 16:6-11

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.

Transition to the Video

As the leader, you will want to help the group move into the video session and direct them to the notes section in their participant guide. There are different ways to accomplish this transition, here are two examples:

- **Pray for your group**
- **Introduce the video by saying “Let’s watch the video and then answer the following questions together.”**

Notes from the Video

Two overarching truths about the person of Holy Spirit:

- He is *divine* because the attributes and actions of God are ascribed to Him.
- He is *personal* because these attributes and activities of God are personal in nature.

John 16:8-11

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.

Notes from the Video (continued)

1. First of all, the Spirit convinces of sin because men do not **believe** in Christ. (vs. 9)
2. Second, the Spirit convinces of **righteousness**, because Jesus goes to the Father.” (vs. 10)
“In John’s terminology, Jesus’ ‘going to the father’ denotes the many sided event of His death, resurrection, ascension, and exaltation at the Father’s right hand.”
- Sinclair Ferguson, “In Christ Alone”
3. Third, the Spirit convinces of judgment, because the prince of this world now stands **condemned**. (vs. 11)

Transition from the Video

Refer back to the quote from Sinclair Ferguson and ask the question provided below.

In the video, Kevin shared the quote from Sinclair Ferguson which says: “In John’s terminology, Jesus’ ‘going to the father’ denotes the many sided event of His death, resurrection, ascension, and exaltation at the Father’s right hand.”
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- **Do you struggle to see how His death, resurrection, ascension and exaltation apply to your daily life? Explain.**

Transition from this question to the discussion questions found in the participant guide.

Discussion Questions

1. After hearing the words of Jesus in (vs. 7), how do you think the disciples felt?
2. Why is it good for Jesus to go away?
3. How would you paraphrase the three goals of the Spirit’s work in this passage?
4. Of the various roles of the Holy Spirit described here, which one have you come to appreciate recently? Why?

Daily/Weekly Application

1. How can you be more aware of the work of the Holy Spirit in your daily life?
2. Have you spent too much time trying to convince others of their sin, instead of relying on the Holy Spirit to do His work? Why do we often focus more on the sins of others instead of our own?
3. How will you apply the truths found in John 16:6-11?

Group Prayer

Take some time to pray the following three truths over each other in your Life Group.

- Pray for a fresh understanding of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to convince you of your sins so that you can turn from them and receive healing and forgiveness from Jesus.
- Pray for a powerful movement of the Holy Spirit through our church!