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### ***There and Then: Here and Now***

Answer the questions below as you reflect on your own life and this part of our study\*: *my LOG vs others SPECK*

**S** – Is there a *sin* for me to avoid or confess?

**P** – Is there a *promise* from God for me to claim?

**E** – Is there an *example* for me to follow?

**C** – Is there a *command* for me to obey?

**K** – How can this passage increase my *knowledge* about God / Jesus / Holy Spirit?

Use this area to write down any thoughts you may have and to develop an action plan for implementing them into your life.

Are there *principles* to guide?

Are there *warnings* to heed?

Are there *attitudes* to adopt?

Are there *actions* to take?

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\* *Navigator Bible Study Handbook* (with additions) & Matthew 7:1-5.

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## **Who is Jesus? – The Gospel of John**

### **Chapter 16**

#### *16:1-4 – Jesus warns the disciples*

- refers back to 15:18-27 and the disciple's coming mistreatment
- v2 – consider how in Acts and the Jewish leaders kept threatening and deceiving the apostles and other Christians
- **Believer's Bible Commentary**<sup>1</sup> – “The Christian faith would be so hated that those who sought to stamp it out would **think** they were pleasing **God**. This shows how a person may be very sincere, very zealous, and yet very *wrong*.”
- v4 – v25, 29; 13:19; 14:26, 29 (disciples remember – 2:17, 22; 12:16; Luk 24:6-8, 44; Act 11:16)
- “I was with you”<sup>2</sup> – 17:12-13; Mat 9:15; Mar 2:19-20; Luk 5:34-35
- **Wiersbe**<sup>3</sup> – “There is no reason for the believer to stumble (“be offended,” 16:1) when the world stokes up the furnace of persecution. He should expect persecution, if only because his Lord told him it was coming.... Furthermore, they must not stumble when this persecution comes from religious people who actually think they are serving God.”

#### *16:5-15 – The Holy Spirit*

- v5-6 – Jesus could see the disciples sorrow because of the conversation
- v7 – If Jesus don't leave, the Holy Spirit can't come
- **Wiersbe**<sup>4</sup> – “The major reason, of course, is that the Holy Spirit might come to empower the church for life and witness. Also, the ascended Savior would be able to intercede for His people at the heavenly throne of grace.”
- v8-11 – the Role of the Holy Spirit: to convict the world of...
  - sin: “because they do not believe in Me”
  - righteousness: “because I go to the Father” (He's no longer on the earth)
  - judgment: “because the ruler of this world has been judged”
  - see also in John<sup>5</sup>: *Helper* – 14:16, 26; 15:26; *Spirit* – 1:32-33; 3:5-6, 8, 34; 6:63; 7:39; 14:17, 26; 15:26; 16:13; 20:22
  - **Wiersbe**<sup>6</sup> – When the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, He empowered Peter to preach; and the preaching of the Word brought conviction to those who heard....There can be no conversion without conviction, and there can be no conviction apart from the Spirit of God using the Word of God and the witness of the child of God.”
- v12-15 – The Spirit doesn't speak on His own but speaks what He hears

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1 (MacDonald and Farstad) on John 16:1-4.

2 (Smith) on John 16:4.

3 (Wiersbe 361) on John 16:1-4.

4 (Wiersbe 361-362) on John 16:5-11.

5 (NASB) searches in eSword software.

6 (Wiersbe 362) on John 16:5-11.

- **Believer's Bible Commentary**<sup>7</sup> – “His principal work will be to **glorify** Christ. By this we can test all teaching and preaching. If it has the effect of magnifying the Savior, then it is of the Holy Spirit.”
- **Wiersbe**<sup>8</sup> – It is essential to see that the work of the Spirit of God is never divorced from Jesus Christ or the Word of God. 'He shall testify of Me' (15:26); 'He shall glorify Me' (16:14). People who claim that the Spirit of God led them to do things contrary to the example of Christ or the teaching of the Word are mistaken and are being led astray by Satan.”

*16:16-22 – Jesus foretells His death and resurrection and the disciple's anguish*

- Jesus reassures the disciples that they will experience sorrow for a time but a time of rejoicing will come – compares to forgetting pain in childbirth
- **Wiersbe**<sup>9</sup> – The principle is simply this: God brings joy to our lives, not by substitution, but by transformation....The same baby that caused the pain also caused the joy. In birth God does not substitute something else to relieve the mother's pain. Instead, He uses what is already there but transforms it....God takes seemingly impossible situations, adds the miracle of His grace, and transforms it into triumph and sorrow into joy.”

*16:23-28 – Jesus promises to answer prayer requests*

- “My name” – John 14:13-14, 26; 15:16, 21; 16:23-24, 26
- “figurative language” – see notes on v4
- “have come into the world” – Joh 1:14-18
- **Wiersbe**<sup>10</sup> – “While Jesus was on the earth, He met all the needs of His disciples. Now He would return to the Father, but the Father would meet their needs. Here is the wonderful promise and privilege of prayer.”

*16:29-33 – Jesus foretells the testing of the disciple's faith*

- The disciples say believe because of the things Jesus is plainly telling them but Jesus reminds them that they will be scattered and they need to not lose hope.
- “I have overcome the world” – 1Jn 5:4-5; Rev 3:21; 12:11; Rev 2-3; Rom 8:37-39
- **Wiersbe**<sup>11</sup> – “Note the contrast between 'in Me' and 'in the world.' In Christ there is peace; in the world there is tribulation. This is the position we need to claim; we are *in Christ*, and therefore we can overcome the world and all of its hatred.”

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## Chapter 17

*17:1-5 – Jesus prays for His return to the Father*

- The Father glorifies the Son → the Son can glorify the Father
- eternal life = knowing the only true God – 3:17-19; Deu 6:4-9; 1Co 8:4 – & Jesus

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7 (MacDonald and Farstad) on John 16:5-15.

8 (Wiersbe 363) on John 16:12-15.

9 (Wiersbe 363–364) on John 16:16-22.

10 (Wiersbe 365) on John 16:23-28.

11 (Wiersbe 366) on John 16:29-33

- **Wiersbe**<sup>12</sup> – “What is 'eternal life'? It is knowing God personally. Not just knowing about Him, but having a personal relationship with Him through faith in Jesus Christ.”
- **Php 2:6** who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped

*17:6-12 – Jesus prays for His disciples*

- Jesus has made God known to His disciples & they kept God's word
- Jesus prays the God will “keep them” in His name – the I AM statements
- **Believer's Bible Commentary**<sup>13</sup> – “The 'name' in Scripture means the Person, His attributes, and character. Christ had fully declared the Father's true nature.” see 1:18
- Jesus is concerned for the disciples after He leaves

*17:13-19 – Jesus prays for the disciple's protection*

- Jesus doesn't ask them to be taken out of the world but that they would be kept from the evil one.
- Sanctify them in the truth → Your word!
- **Wiersbe**<sup>14</sup> – “One of the first steps toward a worldly life is the neglect of the Word of God....How can we be overcome by the world when we have the Word of God to enlighten us, enable us, and encourage us?”

*17:20-21 – Jesus prays for future disciples*

- Believe – 4:39-42; 20:26-29; Rom 10:14-15; 1Co 3:5-9

*17:22-24 – Jesus prays for the disciple's unity*

- God's is glorified in the unity of the disciples
- **Wiersbe**<sup>15</sup> – “There is every reason why believers should love one another and live in unity. We trust the same Savior and share the same glory. We will one day enjoy the same heaven! We belong to the same Father and see to do the same work, witnessing to a lost world that Jesus Christ alone saves from sin. We believe the same truth, even though we may have different views of minor doctrinal matters; and we follow the same example that Jesus set for His people, to live a holy life. Yes, believers do have their differences; but we have much more in common, and this should encourage us to love one another and promote true spiritual unity.”

*17:25-26 – Jesus prays for the world to know the Father'*

- We can know the Father through the love of the Father for the Son and our love for the Son.

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12 (Wiersbe 368) on John 17:1-5.

13 (MacDonald and Farstad) on John 17:6-19.

14 (Wiersbe 370–371) on John 17:13-19.

15 (Wiersbe 371) on John 17:20-26.