

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

Lesson Twenty Three—The Gospel of John Chapter 16:5–33

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1.
 - a) In John 16:6, how does Jesus describe the disciples' feelings towards what He has said?
 - b) In John 16:7, Jesus identifies one major reason for the disciples' feelings. Complete this sentence: I am _____.
 - c) Who does Jesus promise to send?
 - d) Why do you **think** it is important that this person is a "he" and not an "it"?
2.
 - a) Write the definition of the verb "convict" from the dictionary.
 - b) Why do you **think** it is important that the Counselor/Helper convicts the world of guilt?
 - c) What are the three areas of conviction?
 - d) How does Jesus address these three areas in your life?

3. a) Re-read John 5:19, 8:28 and 12:49. Jesus' description of how the Counselor works in John 16:13b reminds you of whom? Do you see the work of the Trinity (God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit)? How?
 - b) Think of all the names Jesus calls Himself in the "I am" statements. (See Lesson 21, Question 6). From this list, what might belong to Jesus that the Spirit takes and makes known in John 16:14–15?
 - c) Why does "all that belongs to the Father" also belong to Jesus in John 16:15?

4. a) In John 16:17–18, summarize what specifically concerned the disciples. (Hint: review your answer in question 1b).
 - b) In John 16:20–22, Jesus' response includes a repetition of certain words. When words or themes repeat in scripture, students must learn to take particular note. Allow the Counselor to guide you as you write down similar or same words repeated in these verses.
 - c) From your study in (b), what does Jesus promise in response to the disciples' concern?
 - d) If you are a believer, how does your life reflect John 16:22b: "you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy"? If you are not a believer, what is the source of your joy and how do you hold on to joy? (Note: For help, look up definitions for happiness and joy and try to draw distinctions between the two. Focus on the definition of joy in your answer to this question).

5. What is/are the amazing truth(s) Jesus reveals in John 16:23–27 about our relationship as disciples of Jesus with the Father? Why is this so amazing?

6. a) In John 16:32, what is Jesus' prophesy to His disciples?

b) In John 16:33, what is the purpose of Jesus' discussion?

c) How does Jesus encourage His disciples?

Going deeper:

7. a) Have you felt convicted by the Holy Spirit? What will/have you do/done about this conviction?

b) How have you allowed the Holy Spirit to guide you? How have you hindered His work in you?

c) Write a prayer praising Jesus for sending the Holy Spirit (Counselor, Comforter, Helper) to you. You may want to: confess your need for His work, confess the ways you hinder His work in you and ask Him to increase His work in you. Pray about whether the Lord will have you share your prayer during discussion time.

