

Chapter 16:

Comprehension – Quick recap of what the scripture says.

Interpretation

In what ways will the Holy Spirit convict the world of guilt in regard to sin, righteousness and judgement? Why is it important that anyone be convicted of these things?

How does Jesus instruct us to pray? (v 23-24)

Who does Jesus tell us will be asking the Father for things - and why?

How was that different than what the current practice had been? (v 25-28)

Jesus says, “You believe at last!” – do you think that’s sarcasm or relief that they finally get it? (v 31)

Jesus wants us to have peace, but what exactly is that? What does it mean/ look like? (v 33)

Application

Do you listen for the Holy Spirit’s counsel and conviction? Is there anything going on in your life currently that leaves you feeling His nudging?

Verse 33 may be one of the most comforting verses in the Bible, what do you think about it? Does it make you focus on the ‘trouble’ piece or the ‘taking heart’ piece?

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What does Jesus have to give and why? (v 1-3)

Verse 5 gives us a lot of background information about Jesus? How do you wrap your brain around it?

Jesus prays for his disciples and specifically says, “I’m not praying for the world but those you’ve given me”. Why do you think Jesus didn’t feel compelled to pray for the unbelievers as well? (v 9)

What is the benefit of being one in Jesus, in the way that Jesus and the Father are one? (v 11)

Jesus prays that God not take us out of the world, yet protect us from the evil one. What implication does that make on the existence of real spiritual warfare? (v 15)

God’s word is _____!!! (v 17)

What is our purpose according to Jesus? (v 18-23)

Verses 25-26 feel a little ‘complicated’, how do you understand the meaning of Jesus’ words here?

Application

Do you pray for other Christians, particularly those in areas of the world who are harshly persecuted? Based on Jesus' words, do you know see the importance of doing that and will you continue or begin praying for them?

Are there any ways that you feel you are in the world yet being protected from the evil one? Do you think that is prayer worthy as well (something you should be praying over your family, friends, fellow believers regularly)?