

The Gospel Of John

ICEBREAKER

If you were a famous inventor, what would you invent and why?

CONTEXT

Jesus shares more about the persecution awaiting His disciples and the role of the Holy Spirit in enabling them to endure in His name.

PASSAGE

John 15:18-16:4a

DISCUSS

- What stood out to you as we read the text? Why?
- What does it mean to be 'in the world, but not of the world,' and how can we apply this concept in our daily lives?
- Can you think of specific instances where you felt the tension between being in the world and not of it, and how did you navigate that situation?
- Why is it important to understand that following Christ does not guarantee health, wealth, and prosperity but instead an expectation of hardship?
- How does the phrase 'A servant is not greater than his master' help explain why Christians should not be surprised by the hatred and persecution they face?
- What is the role of the Holy Spirit in a Christian's life, and what comfort can it bring to believers in times of persecution?

How will you apply this to your life?

- When you face persecution or hardship, how can you find encouragement that Jesus also went through similar trials?
- Can you recall a time when you felt the presence and help of the Holy Spirit during a difficult situation? How did it change the outcome or your perspective?
- How can we respond to hatred and persecution with blessings and endurance, as Jesus encourages us to do?
- How can you cultivate a heart of forgiveness and endurance when faced with opposition? What actions could you take to demonstrate these qualities in your daily life?

How will you pass it on to someone?

- If someone asked you to explain why John 15:18-16:4a is in the Bible, what would you tell them? Why?
- How will you incorporate what you've learned into interactions with others?

TAKE TIME TO PRAY

- Pray for understanding and strength to apply the concept of being chosen by God and set apart from the world in our daily lives.
- Pray for courage and endurance to face any potential hatred or persecution that may arise due to our faith.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance that we are a witness to Jesus both in words and actions.

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