

Discussion Guide | John 15:26-16:15

Gathering Question:

What is one way you've experienced God in your life this week?

Gathering Prayer

Father, by Your Spirit, would You guide us into all truth. Help us to hear and be attentive to Your voice as we work through this study. In the name of Jesus, Your Son, we pray, Amen.

Opening Questions

- What stood out to you in the sermon?
- What insights did you gain?
- What questions did it raise?

Read John 15:26-16:15

- Name all the ways you see the activity of the Holy Spirit in this passage.

Concerning sin.

- When you think of "sin," what typically comes to mind? How does Jesus' definition (unbelief) expand or challenge that?
- What is the difference between worldly guilt and the Spirit's conviction?
- Can you think of a time when conviction led you not into despair, but into deeper dependence on Christ?

Concerning righteousness.

- Where are you most tempted to try to "prove" your righteousness?
- How does knowing that Christ's righteousness is given to you change the way you relate to God?
- What is the difference between trying to earn God's approval and living from God's approval?
- What is the fruit in our lives of understanding righteousness as a gift?

Concerning judgment.

- How do you typically think about "judgment"?
- What does it mean that "the ruler of this world is judged"? How does that reshape the way you see evil and suffering?
- How does the reality of Christ's victory affect:
 - Your daily temptations?
 - Your anxieties?
 - Your view of the future?
- Where do you need to trust that God's final verdict is already settled?

Closing Prayer