



KNOWING GOD

JOHN 15-21

Week 2: John 15:26-16:15 - He Will Glorify Me

[Big idea: We can know God because the Spirit, sent from the Father, glorifies the Son]



1. When have you had to say a painful goodbye to someone? What made it painful?



We're jumping back into our series on John. We pick up the action part-way through a conversation between Jesus and his disciples on the night before he died.

2. **In pairs:** Briefly look at these passages and think: what do these passages show us about the conversation so far? What has been the tone and the message so far?
 - a. John 13:1-11
 - b. John 13:31-35
 - c. John 14:1-6
 - d. John 15:1-5, 18-20



3. Where is Jesus going? Why is it good that he is going?



4. Why do you think the Spirit can't come unless Jesus 'goes'? What is he going to do? (See also, John 18:4, 11; 19:28-30)
 - a. (bonus question: what do these passages anticipate happening before the Spirit is poured out? Isaiah 11:1-10, Joel 2:28-32)



5. Using the table below, go through today's passage again and list the things that Jesus says the Spirit will do when he comes. For each verse consider,
 - a. What will the Spirit do?
 - b. Who will the Spirit do it to/for?
 - c. What is unique to the apostles?
 - d. How does it apply to us today? [see table below]

Verse	What will the Spirit do?	to/for whom?	What's unique to them?	How does it apply to us?
15:26-27	Testify about Jesus	The disciples	(note the 'you' in 26 and the relationship described in v27 'with me from the beginning' (this is used as the qualification for apostleship in Acts 1.21-22))	We have the NT which is the fruit of this promise to the disciples; and by the Spirit we take to heart what it says (1 Cor 2.13-14)
16:8-11	Convict the world	'The world' (cf Jn 1.12)	The world - pretty broad! (first generation who crucified Jesus might have felt it differently)	Our faith is the fruit of this work Our hope in reaching the coast is in this work
16:13-14	Glorify Jesus, Tell you what is yet to come'	The disciples/ Apostles	Guidance in writing NT	The spirit glorifies Jesus as it helps us take to heart the Apostle's testimony in scripture.



6. How would you respond to the following statements in light of this discussion?
- "The Spirit told me I should go and..."
 - "The world being reached with the gospel seems so hopeless!"



7. Keeping in mind what Jesus has called the disciples to do in 15:27, how would verses 8-11 have been a comfort and encouragement to them? How can the Spirit's work encourage and embolden us as we seek to bear witness to Jesus?



Discussion Question



Context Question



Structure Question



Observation Question



Meaning Question



Application Question