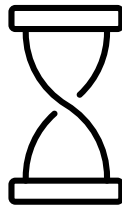


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JOHN 13-17
PART 2

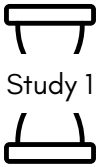


His hour has come. Chapter 13 is where the second half of John's gospel begins. Up until this point Jesus had performed many signs and been clear that his hour had not yet come, but in chapter 13 that all changes. It is now time for him to die, rise and return to his Father.

Chapters 13-17 are often called the farewell discourse. With the betrayal of Judas in motion and an impending crucifixion, Jesus uses his last night to sit with his disciples and teach them. To share deep truth, hope and encouragement with them. John is the only gospel that records this conversation for us to read and shows to us the very heart of Jesus.

In part 2 of this series we see Jesus warn his disciples of the persecution they are to expect from the world around them and yet he encourages them that he has indeed overcome the world. The section finishes with Jesus' prayer for himself, his disciples and us. As in part 1 of this series, there is much comfort and encouragement for all in these rich chapters of John's Gospel.

JOHN 15:18-16:15



Recap: What can you remember from part 1 of the series (chapters 13-15)?

Read John 15:18-27

How should Jesus' disciples expect to be treated by the world?

What reasons does Jesus give for why the world will treat them this way?

How will the coming of the Holy Spirit help the disciples in these verses?

Read John 16:1-11

Why did Jesus choose this moment to give them this warning?

Why was it good that Jesus was returning to the Father?

How will the coming of the Holy Spirit help in these verses?



Read John 16:12-15

What indications do we get about how the disciples are feeling?

How will the coming of the Holy Spirit help the disciples in these verses?

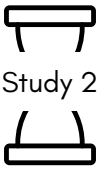
"All this I have told you so that you will not fall away..."

What might hate from the world look like for disciples of Jesus in 2023?

How does the Spirit of Truth help us to not fall away?

Make a plan for how you will remember Jesus' words when you experience hate for being a Christian.

JOHN 16:16-33



Study 2

Starter: Do you ever read the last page of a book before you read the first?
How does it impact on your experience of the story when you know the ending?

Read John 16:16-18

While it may seem obvious to us (because we know what comes next), why was this statement from Jesus so puzzling?

Read John 16:19-24

Describe the emotions that Jesus says the disciples are about to experience.

Why do you think Jesus is using such figurative speech?

What is the privilege that will accompany their joy when they see Jesus again?
(*Bonus: can you remember when Jesus gave the same promise in John 13-17?*)



Read John 16:25-29

Plot a diagram of Jesus' mission from these verses.

How does v29-30 feel like a positive end to these chapters?

Read John 16:30-33

What is the sad reality of what the disciples are about to do?

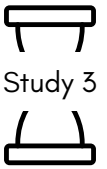
Why does Jesus tell them all of this? How is it like knowing how a story ends?

For us the truth about Jesus is now plain and simple. Write 1-2 sentences that would make sense to a non-Christian about why Jesus came into the world.

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

How do these words give you comfort and confidence for your Christian walk?

JOHN 17



If Jesus got up the front of our church gathering on a Sunday and prayed, what kind of things do you think he would pray?

Read John 17:1-5

Who is Jesus praying for?

What does he ask the Father to do?

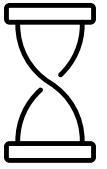
Why is Jesus worthy of that glory?

Read John 17:6-19

Who does Jesus pray for next?

List the things Jesus asks his Father to do for them.

What do you think it means to be *in* the world (v11) but not *of* the world (v16)?



Read John 17:20-26

Who does Jesus pray for next?

What kind of things does Jesus pray for them? (Compare that to what you said at the start).

How does Jesus' prayer remind us of the importance of living 'all *together* for Jesus'?

Brainstorm some ways you can help others experience our unity in Christ in the last term of this year.

What is one thing that has struck you from John's farewell discourse, about Jesus, yourself or the world? Spend time praying over some of these things.