

SENIOR BIBLE FELLOWSHIP ASSIGNMENT: APRIL 14, 2026

I trust everyone had a wonderful Easter. The resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the miracles of miracles. Since his work is finished, I guess we can coast for a while...NOT! Jesus knows our life here is full of trials, so before he leaves, he promises his disciples a helper. The helper is still with us today. This area where I'd like to spend some time.

Without any specific plan on how to go about this, the Holy Spirit led me to John after I scanned the gospels, Acts, Ephesians, Psalms, and many other books. For this lesson we'll be looking at John 15:26 – 16:15.

LESSON:

For some context, here's a summary of John 13 – 15. This all happens during the Last Supper. Jesus knows by this time tomorrow he'll be in a tomb, so he doesn't have time to lose. He...

- ... washes his disciples feet to show them how servant leader looks like.
- ... tells them that one of them will betray him.
- ... gives them a new commandment to love one another, as Jesus loved them.
- ... tells Peter how Peter will deny him 3 times.
- ... gives them a discourse on the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
- ... promises to ask the Father for another Helper.
- ... gives a discourse on he and the Father.
- ... gives a discourse on how he is the True Vine and we are the branches.
- ... gives a discourse on how the world hated him and will in turn hate his disciples.

Whew! That's some serious supper conversation! With all this Jesus knows the disciple's heads are spinning so he promises to bring in the calvary... the Holy Spirit. He reassures them that this Holy Spirit will help them navigate the times which are looming. Jesus understands the disciples are probably still trying to bask in the triumphant entry when crowds were cheering them as they entered Jerusalem. What happened to their expectations of their conquering Messiah.

So let's be a fly on the wall and listen to what Jesus is telling the disciples during the end of Last Supper.

JOHN 15:26 – 16:15

²⁶ “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

¹⁶ “I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ² They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³ And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. ⁴ But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

QUESTIONS:

1. In this passage, Jesus calls the Holy Spirit “the Helper”. What other name does Jesus call the Holy Spirit?

- a. the Grand Spirit
- b. the Big Kahuna
- c. the Ethereal One
- d. the Spirit of Truth

2. Who will be sending the Helper to the disciples?

3. In John 16:1, Jesus says that he is telling the disciples all these things for a reason... what is that?

4. Jesus says when the Holy Spirit comes he will convict the world on three things.
- What are they?

- Give the reasons why the world will be convicted on each of these.

5. Jesus speaks in relationship to the Holy Spirit on truth, authority, and glory. Explain the role of the Holy Spirit in terms of truth, authority, and glory.

Extra Question (No need to answer if it seems to vague):

1st Part: Looking at John 16:4 – 6, does it seem like Jesus is a bit frustrated by his disciples in verse 5? Why do you think this may be true?

2nd Part: In verse 6, Jesus says that sorrow has filled the disciple's hearts. This plays a part in Jesus's frustration with the disciples. What do you think the disciple's sorrow is focused on?

Hint:

With a wide ranging question like this, one needs to consider all which the disciples heard and experienced...particularly in the last weeks. What would be your mindset if you switched places with the disciples and were now sitting with Jesus.