



## February 21, 2016 | John 16:16-33

Last week we looked at John 15 and Jesus' specific message for His disciples – "I AM the True Vine" and what it means to "remain" in Him.

Share some ideas that have been helping you to "remain" in Jesus.

### Read John 16:16-24.

[Q] In John 16:16-22 Jesus speaks directly of the time between His death and resurrection. What does He say will be the opposite reactions to His death of the disciples and the world?

the disciples

the world

[Q] In verses 20-22 Jesus uses a picture to describe the change in reaction they will have after "a little while"? How can joy eventually come from the same thing that caused grief?

[Q] Nehemiah 8:10 says... *Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.* Have you ever experienced grief that eventually turned to joy? Please explain.

[Q] Joy is a recurring theme in this section. How does asking and receiving in Jesus' name bring full joy? (John 16:24) How does this relate to John 14:13-14 and 15:7?

### Read John 16:25-33.

These verses promise a new and direct line of communication to God after Jesus' death and resurrection.

[Q] How would Jesus' assurance of the Father's love specifically help the disciples in the days ahead?

John 16:33 (NIV)

*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.*

[Q] John 16:33 is the summary and climax of the Upper Room message. In what sense has Jesus “overcome” the world?

[Q] In what sense can we overcome the world? If you have time, see the verses in the *Take It Further* section at the end of the discussion guide.

[Q] Can we overcome Satan even though we lose our life in the process? How? (See Revelation 12:11.)

“While the immediate application may have been to the sorrowing hearts of the disciples, the ultimate application is to all of God’s people as we await the return of Jesus Christ. To us, it seems like a long wait; but God does not measure time as we do (see 2 Peter 3).”

Warren W. Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary*

[Q] While you are waiting, how can the promises in this section of John 16 strengthen your heart during the trials and discouragements now or in the future?

Hebrews 10:36-37 (NIV)

<sup>36</sup> You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.

<sup>37</sup> For in just a very little while, “He who is coming will come and will not delay.”

## Pray

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Next week: John 17:1-5

Take it Further: Overcome the World - See Revelation 5:5; 2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:21; 12:11; 1 John 4:4; 5:4-5; Ephesians 6:11.

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