

Oceanside Connect Group Outline
Week of November 29th 2015



Key Scripture

John 16:7-15

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.

Discussion questions from this week's sermon

"Where does your help come from?" If you were to ask that question to people outside the church what different answers would you get? What different levels of hope would you find in people's responses?

In John 16:7, Jesus calls the Holy Spirit by another name, "The Helper." **How does that line up with your existing view of what the Holy Spirit does?**

The disciples were surely anxious about Jesus leaving them in such a tense time, and it's strange to hear Jesus say that it was an advantage for Him to leave. **How would you feel if the physical person of Jesus left and was replaced by something non-physical?**

Hypothetically, do you think you would be a stronger Christian with Jesus by your side or the Holy Spirit?

A lot of Christians might prefer to have Jesus by their side instead of the Holy Spirit. **In verse 13, what promise does Jesus give about the Holy Spirit? Can you think of any other scriptures that speak of the advantages of the Holy Spirit?**

The Holy Spirit has come to us in place of a physical relationship with Jesus yet verse 14 says that the Holy Spirit will glorify Jesus. **Why should the Holy Spirit still glorify what Jesus has done?**

Read both verses 14 & 15. The disciples were often confused by Jesus' teachings. **Is there a change in the revelation we can have by the work of the Holy Spirit in us?**

If Jesus were amongst us today, we surely would all flock to Him right away and not want to leave His presence. **Do we find ourselves striving to be near the Holy Spirit in the same way?**

As a group discuss ways that have allowed you to go in deeper with the Holy Spirit. Find ways to encourage each other, and strive to prioritise everyone's personal relationship with "The Helper."