

Chapter 16 - Study Questions

In this chapter Jesus continues to teach his disciples. He is preparing them for his departure and their subsequent ministry without him. Many of Jesus' teachings from this discourse can help a present day follower of Jesus live a life that pleases God. So listen in and think through Jesus' words so that we might have that loving relationship with God that Jesus intends.

1. Why does Jesus teach that many of His followers will be persecuted? (16:2-3)
2. Even today, people do terrible things with motives to please God. Do you think these people are following Jesus by obeying his commands?
3. After Jesus' departure, who will convict the world of their sin? (16:7-8)
4. Do you think Jesus intended his ministry to continue after his departure? (16:12-13)
5. Who will guide Jesus' followers after he has departed? (16:13)
6. What do you think will cause the disciples sadness to turn into joy? (16:17-20)
7. Praying in "Jesus' name" means praying according to what Jesus desires. Do you think God would answer a prayer contrary to what Jesus desires? (16:24)
8. Why do Jesus' followers have a loving relationship with the Father? (16:27)
9. Where did Jesus come from and where is Jesus going? (16:28)
10. In this world what can the followers of Jesus expect? What truth does Jesus use to comfort his disciples? (16:33)
11. *Have you* ever looked to Jesus to comfort you when you faced trouble or suffering?