



# All Christians' Fellowship International

## INTERACTIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

**TOPIC:** A Dying Leader's Last Command

**TEXT:** John 16:16-33

**Instructions** - *Let the above passages be read each time you come together to study this topic so that everyone could participate fully. The teacher should provide additional background information on the topic and come up with follow-up questions. Participants should be brief in their responses and use relevant Bible references to illustrate their points. They should be careful not to dominate the discussion to allow everyone to have an equal opportunity to participate.*

**Introduction:** Those who believe in Christ are not shielded from life's deepest problems. We must still face sorrow, rejection, and heartache. We see our loved ones die. We sometimes feel alone and unloved. We see our marriages fail or our children go their own way rather than God's way. Jesus gives us some very practical help in these verses for facing life's crises. He doesn't answer all our questions, but he gives us what we need to survive.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Though a believer, how do you tend to react in the midst of a personal crisis?
2. Read John 16:16-24. It is obvious that the disciples are confused and concerned about Jesus' statements (v. 16-18). Why do you think they are confused?
3. Jesus answers their questions, not by giving them an explanation but by making them a promise (v. 19-22). What was the promise? Why do you think it would bring them joy in the midst of their grief and confusion?
4. How can this incident help us when our questions to the Lord go unanswered?
5. What new promise regarding prayer does Jesus give his disciple v. 23-24)? How would this promise make their joy complete?
6. What connection can you make for your own life between prayer and joy?
7. Read John 16:25-33. How would Jesus' assurance of the Father's love help the disciples in the days just ahead of them?
8. In verse 32 Jesus predicts that his disciples will abandon him. How do you think that failure affected their feelings of self-worth? How does failure affect you?
9. How would Jesus' promise of peace and victory (v. 33) sustain them through that failure?

10. Which of the promises in this chapter have made the deepest impression on you? Why?

11. How can these promises strengthen a Christian during the trials and discouragements of the future?