



All Christians' Fellowship International

INTERACTIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

TOPIC: Secrets of the Spirit

TEXT: John 16:5-15

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: A lovely woman in our church died not long ago. She knew for almost a year that, unless the Lord intervened, the cancer in her brain would kill. That year gave her time of wonderful interaction with her husband and family. Her family had the opportunity to express their love for her, and the dying woman had the privilege of passing on her godly wisdom. In John 16 Jesus knows that he will die in less than twenty-four hours. When his disciples are faced with that reality, they become troubled (14:1), afraid (14:27) and filled with grief (16:6). Jesus responds to each of their concerns by talking about the coming Holy Spirit.

Discussion Questions:

1. What would you want to tell your family or closest friends if you knew that you had only a short time to live?
2. Read John 16:5-15. Jesus said that it was for the disciples' good that he goes away, and that the Counselor come. Why was the Spirit's presence more profitable to the disciples than Jesus' presence? Discuss.
3. In what ways is it more profitable today to have the Holy Spirit actively present than to have Jesus here on earth? Explain.
4. What did Jesus say the Spirit's ministry would be toward the world (v. 8-11)?
5. How does the Spirit do the same work in the hearts of unbelievers today?
6. "The Prince of this world" mentioned in verse 11 is Satan. In what way does Satan "now stand condemned"?
7. Why is it important for the Holy Spirit to convince the world that their "Prince" is already condemned?
8. What can we infer from verses 8-11 about our part in evangelism?
9. The Spirit's ministry is one of communication. What specific things did Jesus say the Spirit would communicate to the disciples?

10. In what ways does the Spirit guide us into all truth and bring glory to Jesus Christ today.