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Exit Plan John 15:26-16:15

Persecution

Persecution is in the DNA of the Christian.

- John 15:20 If they persecuted Me ,they will persecute ___

We can take comfort and rejoice in persecution.

- Matthew 5:11-12 Blessed are you when you are _____ because your reward is in heaven.

The Mission

We're called to continue Jesus' ministry to the world by testifying about Him and I will provide the help of the Holy Spirit to do it.

- John 15:26-27 7-fold ministry to testify with
- We remain connected to Jesus to fulfill this mission.
 - John 15:5 I am the vine.... Apart from Me , you....
- We're empowered by the Holy Spirit to fulfill this mission.

The Spirit

The Holy Spirit is "another Paraclete" like Jesus, carrying out the ministry of Jesus to us.

- Helper, advocate, counselor, comforter ,_____,_____
- The Spirit teaches and reminds us of what Jesus said.
 - John 14:26

The Holy Spirit testifies about Jesus.

- The Holy Spirit always points to Jesus to bring glory to God's Son.
- **How do you testify of Jesus in your life?**_____

The Holy Spirit carries out the ministry of Jesus through us.

- The Holy Spirit empowers us to be Jesus' witnesses.
 - Acts 1:8
 - Matthew 9:37-38 The harvest is _____ but the laborers are _____. Pray for the Lord to thrust laborers in the h_____.
- **How does fear of saying the wrong thing hinders our witness?**

- We're called to testify about Jesus but the results aren't our responsibility.
- John 16:1 I have told you those things so you won't Scandalizo= trip over it

It's the Holy Spirit's responsibility to c_____,convince the world, not ours.READ AMPC below

- **John 16:8-12 READ AMPC BELOW: WHAT stands out to you?**
- **What vs 10-12 say to you?**_____
- **FACT : Satan has been condemned not YOU!!!!**
- We love others by sharing the gospel.
 - 1 Peter 3:15
- The Holy Spirit convicts the world of its sin.
 - John 3:17- God didn't send His Son to the world to _____ but _____ the world. **Safe and Sound !AMPC**
- The Holy Spirit convicts the world of its false righteousness.
 - Isaiah 64:6 Filthy rags
- The Holy Spirit convicts the world of darkness of sin and brings it into the Light of Jesus.
 - **John 3:19-21Read how our deeds are exposed: Give example**_____

It's for our good that Jesus left and sent us the Holy Spirit.

- John 16:7
- The Holy Spirit is always present within us, transforming and empowering us.
- The Holy Spirit guides us into all truth.
 - John 16:13-14 below
 - **What new truth have you learned lately?**_____

According to Jesus' exit plan, we're called to continue His ministry to spread the gospel and we're empowered by the Holy Spirit to do it.

Action Steps

- Get excited that you have a new mission to continue the ministry of Jesus and the presence of the Holy Spirit within to empower you!

- Ask God to give you one person with whom you can share the gospel of Jesus.
- Invite someone to Easter service/this Bible study.

John 16:7-9

“But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.” **8 And He, when He comes, will convict and convince the world about [the guilt of] sin [and the need for a Savior], and about righteousness, and about judgment: ⁹ about sin [and the true nature of it], because they do not believe in Me [and My message];**

“It’s the Holy Spirit’s job to convict, God’s job to judge, and my job to love.” – Billy Graham

John 15:26 “But when the ^{1a}Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengtheners, Standby) comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, *that is* the Spirit of Truth who comes from the Father, He will testify *and* bear witness about Me. ²⁷ But you will testify also *and* be My witnesses, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

John 16:1 “I have told you these things so that you will not stumble *or* be caught off guard *and* fall away. {I told you to keep you from being scandalized and repelled} ² They will put you out of the synagogues *and* make you outcasts. And a time is coming when whoever kills you will think that he is offering service to God. ³ And they will do these things because they have not known the Father or Me. ⁴ I have told you these things [now], so that when their time comes, you will remember that I told you about them. I did not say these things to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

⁵ “But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts [and taken complete

possession of them]. ⁷ But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the ^{1a}Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengtheners, Standby) will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him (the Holy Spirit) to you [to be in close fellowship with you]. ⁸ **And He, when He comes, will convict the world about [the guilt of] sin [and the need for a Savior], and about righteousness, and about judgment: ⁹ about sin [and the true nature of it], because they do not believe in Me [and My message]; ¹⁰ about righteousness [personal integrity and godly character], because I am going to My Father and you will no longer see Me; ¹¹ about judgment [the certainty of it], because the ruler of this world (Satan) has been judged *and* condemned.**

¹² “I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear [to hear] them now. ¹³ But **when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth [full and complete truth]**. For He will not speak on His own initiative, but He will speak whatever He hears [from the Father—the message regarding the Son], and He will disclose to you what is to come [in the future]. ¹⁴ He will glorify *and* honor Me, because He (the Holy Spirit) will take from what is Mine and will disclose it to you. ¹⁵ All things that the Father has are Mine. Because of this I said that He [the Spirit] will take from what is Mine and will reveal it to you

John 3:16-17 AMP

For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life. ¹⁷ For God did not send the Son into the world **in order to judge (to reject, to condemn, to pass sentence on) the world, but that the world might find salvation and be made safe and sound through Him.**

