

Preparation Questions
John 16.5-15
The Spirit's Work in the World

Opener: What needs to happen to someone if they're going to be a follower of Jesus?

Recap: From ch13 onwards Jesus has told his 11 disciples that he is returning to the Father, via the Cross. In these passages what work has he given these specific 11 to do? Particularly given ch15vs26-27.

Text 1: In v5 Jesus draws the disciples' attention to his imminent departure. According to v6-7 why is Jesus' leaving a good thing?

Text 2: In v8-11 Jesus describes the Spirit's work in the world. What will he do and why are these things so necessary? (Hint: Looking up John 3.20 (convict and exposed come from the same Greek word), 5v23, John 1.18 and John 12.31 will help.)

Text 3: In v12-15 Jesus describes the Spirit's work in the 11 Apostles. What will he do and why is it so necessary? (Hint: Looking back to John 15vs26-27 will help.)

Ones to keep chewing on: How does knowing about the Spirit's work in the world and in the Apostles give us confidence today as we live in a world where a) Jesus isn't physically present and b) as we read the New Testament ?

How would you sum up what we've learned in this passage about the Spirit's work in the world?