

TO GO

1. Have you ever asked for help from someone, and it turned out they were the wrong person to ask? When did you discover their inability? How did the project turn out?
2. Read John 16:4b–6. Why are the disciples sorrowful at this point in their conversation with Jesus? What about the unknown sometimes leads us to a similar state?
3. Read John 16:7. Why is it to the disciples' advantage that Jesus goes away?
4. Read John 16:8–11. In what ways does the Holy Spirit convict the world? Why is this essential in God's unfolding plan to reach the world? How do believers fit into this process?
5. Read John 16:12–15. How does the Holy Spirit reveal the truth?
6. What does this passage elucidate about the ministry of the Holy Spirit? Why might we rethink praying directly to the Holy Spirit? What do we know about the Spirit's relation to the Father and the Son? Will the Spirit ever speak to us out of his own volition, separate from the Father? How does that impact how we think about and draw from his ministry?
7. In what ways is God calling you to join with the ministry of the Spirit as he convicts the world of sin and reveals the truth to the church? Take a few moments to ask the Father to bring the presence of Christ to bear in and through your life by the power of his Spirit.