

## Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

## Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

## THE CHRISTIAN AND THE WORLD

John 15:18-16:15

**Main Thought:** In John 15:18-16:11, Jesus warns His followers that they will be hated by the world and reminds us of the resource we have amid such hatred.

1. BECAUSE THE WORLD \_\_\_\_\_ JESUS, IT WILL HATE HIS FOLLOWERS TOO. (15:18-21)
2. THE WORLD HATES JESUS BECAUSE HE HAS EXPOSED THEIR \_\_\_\_\_. (15:22-25)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, CHRIST FOLLOWERS ARE TO CONTINUE TO TESTIFY ABOUT HIM. (15:26-27)
4. CHRIST FOLLOWERS SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISED BY THE HATRED OF THE \_\_\_\_\_. (16:1-4a)
5. IN THE MIDST OF HATRED BY THE WORLD, CHRIST \_\_\_\_\_ HAVE AN INDWELLING ADVOCATE. (16:4b-15)

- 1) The Holy Spirit will prove the world wrong concerning \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) The Holy Spirit will prove the world wrong concerning \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) The Holy Spirit will prove the world wrong concerning \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) The Holy Spirit will guide us into all \_\_\_\_\_.

### **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS**

1. Read John 15:18-16:15 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. What do you learn about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) from this passage?

3. What do you learn about human beings/yourself from this passage?

4. What verse meant the most to you? Why?

5. What didn't you understand in the passage? What answers did you find for your questions?

6. What application(s) for your life do you take away from this passage?

Digging deeper:

7. What does Jesus mean here by "the world"?

8. Why does "the world" hate Jesus and His followers?

9. How did Jesus' coming expose the sin of "the world"?

10. What will the Holy Spirit help believers do in spite of persecution from the world?

11. How have you, as a follower of Christ, experienced "hatred" from the world? How did you respond?

12. Why did Jesus tell His followers they would be hated by the world?

13. How would you define the three goals of the Spirit's work in the world (vv 8-11)?

14. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit guiding you into all the truth? (vv 12-15)