

OVERFLOW

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After reading through John 14-15 these last two weeks, we reach John 16. In this passage, Jesus tells his disciples that it's actually for their good that he leave so he can send Holy Spirit to them. This is a shocking statement! Sometimes we wonder if life might have been easier for the disciples because they were physically around Jesus. Here in this passage, however, Jesus declares that it is much better for them (and for us) that he leave. After considering why it is better for Jesus to leave, we'll take some time to pray for each other to be filled with Holy Spirit. So make sure to save space at the end!

VISION: Explain the purpose of lifegroup.

FAMILY TIME:

- Introduction Question: What was a piece of advice or statement of truth that shocked you when you first heard it or was hard for you to believe?
- Share praise reports and prayer requests.
- Looking Back Question: How have you encountered Holy Spirit this last week?

DISCUSSION: JOHN 15.26-16.15

15.26 "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. **27** And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning. **16.1** "All this I have told you so that you will not fall away. **2** They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God. **3** They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. **4** I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, **5** but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' **6** Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. **7** But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. **8** When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: **9** about sin, because people do not believe in me; **10** about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; **11** and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. **12** "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. **13** But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only

*what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. **14** He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. **15** All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."*

Discussion Prompts:

- What stands out to me from this passage?
- What do I learn about people?
- What do I learn about Holy Spirit?
- Why does Jesus say it's for our good that he go away? How is having the Holy Spirit better for us?
- What does it look like for me to receive more of Holy Spirit practically this week?

PRACTICAL EQUIPPING:

More than simply talking about the importance of Holy Spirit, we want to encounter Holy Spirit and receive the fullness of what God has for us! In small groups, take turns praying for each person to be filled with Holy Spirit one at a time.

Some prompts to guide this time:

- What's something that's stood out to you through this Overflow series?
- What's one way you want to encounter Holy Spirit?
- [As you pray for each other] What might God want to say to this person? Or what might Holy Spirit want to do in this person's life?