

You Are Not Alone

Read: John 15:26-6:15

Main idea: In light of the expected opposition that disciples of Jesus will face in this fallen world, Jesus reminds us that we are not alone and we have a mission to fulfill.

Key Verses: “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.” **(15:26-27 ESV)**

Key Principles:

- Christians should respond to the hostility and animosity of the world by continuing to witness about Jesus.
- The greatest danger that disciples of Jesus face is not the persecution of the world, rather it is the temptation to quit or fall away from following Jesus.
- Jesus has given us a mission that is far bigger than us as individuals or corporately.
- The mission that we have been called to accomplish is impossible without the supernatural help of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
- Only the Spirit can take the Word of God and our witness and convict unbelievers of their sin.
- Only the Spirit can take the Word of God and guide us into truth and empower us to accomplish the Great Commission.

Discussion:

1. What does the Spirit of God empower the people of God to do? Why is that important to us in a fallen, sinful world?
2. Is there a person in your life you haven't shared the gospel with out of fear of rejection? How is the Holy Spirit's help good news for you?
3. What is the greatest danger we face in persecution? How can we fight this danger?
4. What is the mission statement of disciples of Jesus? Why is the mission of God worthy of your sacrifice?
5. How will the Holy Spirit convict the world of righteousness? How will the Holy Spirit call them to repentance and faith?
6. What does it reveal about God and His mission that He gives His children an impossible task to accomplish it? Why might you not realize the Spirit's power in your life?

Prayer:

- Pray that we would remember the presence and work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
- Pray:
 - That we remain faithful to God even when we are tempted to quit or fall away.
 - That we remain faithful to God's mission even when the world is hostile towards us.
 - For one person that you know is not a believer and the courage to witness to them.

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John 15:26-16:15

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| I. | Don't lose <u>focus</u>. | 15:26-27 |
| 1. | <u>Trust</u> the testimony of the <u>Spirit</u> . | 15:26 |
| 2. | <u>Share</u> your testimony of the <u>Son</u> . | 15:27 |
| II. | Don't lose <u>hope</u>. | 16:1-4 |
| 1. | <u>Remember</u> the <u>promises</u> of Jesus. | 16:1, 4 |
| 2. | <u>Reflect</u> on the <u>mercies</u> of God. | 16:2-3 |
| III. | Don't lose <u>faith</u>. | 16:5-11 |
| 1. | The <u>Son</u> works <u>for</u> us. | 16:5-6 |
| 2. | The <u>Spirit</u> works <u>in</u> us. | 16:7-11 |
| IV. | Don't lose <u>truth</u>. | 16:12-15 |
| 1. | <u>Listen</u> to the <u>Spirit</u> . | 16:12-13 |
| 2. | <u>Long</u> for the <u>Son</u> . | 16:14-15 |

NEXT WEEK:
Encouragement of the Spirit
John 16:16-33