

SERMON OUTLINE John 16:25-33

Take Heart; I Have Overcome the World

GROWING CLARITY (25, 29)

JESUS' RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER (25, 27-30, 32)

That Jesus Had Come from the Father

Jesus Was Going to the Father

The Father Was with Him Always

THE RESULT OF GENUINE BELIEF (26-27, 31, 33)

Persecution

Love

Peace

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big idea of this passage is that Jesus was newly clear about the facts that He had come from, was going to, and was always with the Father and that all who believe Him concerning these things will know persecution, the love of the Father, and peace that surpasses understanding; all because Jesus overcame the world! The main takeaways, therefore, are to seek out all of Jesus' teaching, believe it, and live in light of it no matter the cost.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Which aspect of Jesus' upper room discourse (chapters 13-16) has stood out to you the most and why?
3. Have you ever wished Jesus would have just spoken more plainly? How does this passage help you process that?
4. Can you think of a time in which you purposefully withheld a full answer or explanation from someone for their good?
5. Have you ever felt genuinely strengthened in your faith by finding a promise made and kept by Jesus in the Bible?
6. Describe your current thoughts on and experience with Bible reading. Faithful and fulfilling or frustrating and sporadic?
7. In your own words, describe the significance of the facts that Jesus came from the Father, went back to the Father, and was always with the Father. How does the third point help you better appreciate the Father's forsaking of Jesus?
8. Had you ever considered the reality that all of God's people have been sent by, will go to, and are always with God?
9. Do you believe that you are loved by the Father? How does your answer effect your life on a daily basis?
10. Have you ever met someone who believed in something they called "Jesus" but bore little resemblance to Jesus?
11. How do you live differently in light of Jesus having overcome the world?
12. Are you generally a peaceful person? What does that look like?
13. In what ways did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

14. Read your Bible each day this week. Pray over what you read. Memorize the Fighter Verse or a passage from your reading.
15. Intentionally obey the Great Commission this week. Share the specifics of your obedience with someone in your DG.
16. Do your best to write down your current understanding of God's love for you. Try to represent that artistically.
17. Ask someone for help at the moment you feel a lack of peace this week.
18. Share the good news that Jesus has overcome the world with someone.
19. Do your best to remain conscious of God's love for you as you spend time in prayer this week.
20. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and (2) How you can pray for them.
21. Ask God to show you one specific thing you ought to do differently as a result of this text or sermon? Share that and pray about it with someone in your DG. Continue praying for and checking in with each other until you've both done it.

PRAYER POINTS

22. Adoration. Praise God for being omniscient, loving, and victorious. Praise God for being personal and triune.
23. Confess. Confess your sins of confusion, doubt, restlessness, apathy, abdication, shame, and pride. Confess prayerlessness and silence concerning the gospel. Confess wrong questioning of God.
24. Thanksgiving. Thank God for loving, forgiving, commissioning, and revealing His will to you. Thank Him for giving you peace.
25. Supplication. Ask God to rescue some person in your life from their sin, loneliness, pain, and sense of purposelessness. Ask God to make Grace Church a church increasingly committed to His Word and hoping in His promises.