



FRUITFUL IN A FAMINE
OUR HELPER IN A HOSTILE WORLD
JOHN 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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1. Share _____
(15:26-27)

John 15:26–27, 16:4b-15 (ESV)
26 “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. 27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

2. Trust _____
(16:4b-11)

4b “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. 5 But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; 11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. 12 “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

3. Lean _____
(16:12-15)

14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read Isaiah 43:10-12.** What are some things about God (and from a New Testament perspective about Jesus Christ and the gospel) that should get us excited about being his witnesses? How can you see bearing witness to Jesus Christ more as one of your primary responsibilities in the Treasure Valley or wherever you live?

2. **Read John 16:8-11.** Looking back at your own story of salvation, how can you see the Spirit working to convict you? (Remember, this may look different for different people). How does the Spirit's role here encourage you in your own evangelistic efforts?

3. **Read Acts 24:24-25.** Are the subjects of righteousness and self-control and judgement all a part of your evangelism? How can you be sure to graciously include these elements as you share the gospel with others?

4. **Read 2 Peter 1:19-21.** Imagine for a moment what life would be like if we did not have the New Testament. What are some reasons we should be thankful for the completed revelation of Scripture?

5. **Read Colossians 3:16.** How can you lean on the Spirit by letting the word of Christ dwell in you richly this week? Remember, this will include not only reading Scripture but also seeking God's help in applying it and living it out!

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Fabarez, Mike. Chapter 5 in *Partners*.

Geisler, Norman and William Nix. *From God to Us*. Moody, 2012.

MacArthur, John. *Biblical Doctrine*. Crossway, 2017.

Prayer Requests

Pray that we would be faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ in the Treasure Valley.

Pray that we would always rely on the Spirit and the Scriptures.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

Pray for God to work mightily among our youth next weekend at Ignite!
Pray for Shannon and Danielle Hurley (our missions partners in Uganda) as they recover from being sick.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	O.T.	Psalms	Gospels	N.T.
7/5	2 Kings 20-22	Psalms 78:67-72	Luke 3:31-38	Galatians 2:11-21
7/6	2 Kings 23	Psalms 79:1-7	Luke 4:1-13	Galatians 3:1-14
7/7	2 Kings 24-25	Psalms 79:8-13	Luke 4:14-30	Galatians 3:15-29
7/8	1 Chronicles 1-3	Psalms 80:1-7	Luke 4:31-44	Galatians 4:1-11
7/9	1 Chronicles 4-6	Psalms 80:8-19	Luke 5:1-11	Galatians 4:12-31
7/10	1 Chronicles 7-8	Psalms 81:1-10	Luke 5:12-26	Galatians 5:1-15