

The Spirit's Role in the World John 16:5-11

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Study Questions

Getting Started:

- Why do we believe we need to be the one to make people feel guilty, "play the Holy Spirit", and point out their sin?
- When we feel the responsibility to "play the Holy Spirit" in other's lives, how might this change us for the worse?

Digging In:

- 1. Read John 16:5-11. What are the disciples thinking and feeling as Jesus tells them he's leaving? Why are they "filled with grief"?
- 2. How does promising the Holy Spirit provide relief for the disciples?
- 3. How would you paraphrase the three goals of the Holy Spirit's work (John 16:8-11)?
- 4. So, why is it good that Jesus goes away?
- 5. Why is not believing in Jesus the main sin the Holy Spirit will focus on (John 16:9)?
- 6. Some people really sensed the Holy Spirit's conviction before they came to Christ. Did you? Explain.
- 7. How does knowing the Holy Spirit is already working in the lives of a non-believer help us as we witness to others?

Taking It Home:

- The Holy Spirit is the convicter, not you, when it comes to sharing the Gospel. How does this set you free from the responsibility to convince others to believe?
- What is your responsibility and what is the Holy Spirit's responsibility in witnessing to your friends?