

JOHN CHAPTER 16 vs 1-16

ON TRACK

Read John chapter 15 verses 18 – 27 quickly.

In verse 1 of chapter 16 Jesus tells His disciples that He has told them these things to keep them from going astray. The word used for *astray* means 'to entrap, to cause to stumble or to lead away'.

In what ways could the disciples be led astray or be caused to stumble?

How can what Jesus has said in chapter 15 keep them on the right track?

Does it help keep you on the right track? If so how?

Can you think of a time when God's word kept you from stumbling or going astray?

PERSECUTION

Can you think of anyone who fits the description given by Jesus in verse 2?

What kind of persecutions can we expect in our day and age?

A GOOD QUESTION

In vs. 5-6 Jesus says that the disciples are not asking questions because they are too filled with grief.

Can you think of a time when you could not concentrate on what Jesus was saying because of your personal situation or self pre-occupation ?

What should our reaction be in these circumstances?

What situation is Jesus facing in a few hours time?

About whom or what is Jesus concerned as he asks this question of his disciples?

THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

Jesus said it was for their good that He was going away.

In what ways was it better for the disciples to have the Holy Spirit than to have Jesus in the flesh?

How is it better for us?

According to verse 8, what is a result of the Holy Spirit's ministry?

How will the Spirit accomplish this?

How did the Spirit accomplish this in your life?

How is God calling you to partner the Holy Spirit in accomplishing his work?

Try to give some specific examples and situations

MORE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

What else will the Holy Spirit do (vv 13-15)?

How has the Holy Spirit done this for you?

Why is this important for us today?

*(Many questions based on an excellent study on John ch16 by Coalgate Cornerstone church USA)
Some questions amended.*