

(4b) "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' 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. And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:

- Concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me;
- Concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer;
- 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. 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.

(14) "He will glorify Me, for He will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is Mine; therefore, I said that He will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Think on these things:

- 1) We are told that on this Last Supper night with Jesus, the disciples catch on that Jesus is going to leave them shortly, and they are filled with sorrow (vs.5-6). Why is it that Jesus tells them it is to their advantage that He goes away (v.7)?

- 2) Who convicts the world of sin that leads people to repent and put their saving faith in Jesus (vs.7-8)? Do you --- as a believer --- have any part in this? See 2 Corinthians 3:4-6 and 5:17-20.

Who convicts the world of sin? _____

What is a believer's role? _____

- 3) Understanding how the Holy Spirit convicts the world of "righteousness" may be difficult for some to grasp. If the key to understanding is that Jesus is no longer ministering on this earth, what do you think it means?

- 4) Let's learn about the "ruler of this world" who will be judged? As a believer living in the here-and-now, what is your reaction to God's judgment on him?

John 14:30 - _____

2 Corinthians 4:4 - _____

Ephesians 2:1-2 - _____

Ephesians 6:10-13 - _____

2 Thessalonians 2:8-12 - _____

1 Peter 5:8-9 - _____

Revelation 12:10 - _____

Your reaction to God judging him? _____

- 5) Jesus says He still has many things to say to them, more than they can grasp at this time (v.12). How did He expect them to remember all of these last-minute teachings (v.13)?

- 6) In chapter 14, the disciples said to Jesus, "show us the Father," and Jesus told them to look at Him because He and the Father are One. Looking at John 16:13-14, what counsel might we have for any Christian trying to understand Jesus and His teachings? Do you see this truth: "*As Jesus is to understanding God the Father, the **Holy Spirit** (of Truth) is to understanding Jesus, God the Son.*"

People and situations I want to pray for this week: