

# I Have Overcome the World

John 16:16-24

Life Group Discussion – December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Jesus is only a few hours away from his death on the cross. So during this time, He begins teaching his Disciples.

**Jesus went on to say, “In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.” (John 16:16)**

When Jesus says, “In a little while” there are two meanings. He is talking about his death on the cross, but also his resurrection. For us, our life does not end at death, but we have something far more precious waiting for us in Heaven.

**Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. (John 16:20)**

The Jewish people were happy when Jesus died. They believed He was a false prophet and said things that were untrue. They couldn't handle the words that He taught. But His followers scattered and hid after His death. They were in despair...but the roles reversed when Jesus resurrected. Just like a mother experiences the pangs of labor but rejoices when her baby is born, our difficulties are now, but we will experience joy in the future.

**“A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me. “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” (John 16:32-33)**

We are able to have peace in this world because we are not alone. Even though we may not see Jesus in front of us, we know that Jesus, God, and the Holy Spirit are here with us. We can hear and understand His words through the Bible. So when we grab on to His word and follow after Him, we are able to be courageous.

## How can we be courageous?

1. If we know God, we can be courageous
2. When we live a life that makes God happy, we can be courageous
3. When we begin to understand God's reasoning and His plans, we can be courageous

My brothers and sisters,  
We must always be thankful, even in thankless situations be thankful.

Because Jesus overcame, we are also able to overcome.

Hold on to our God who overcame this world, and let us be a church that loves and cherishes one another.

## SHARING-----

1. Jesus tells His Disciples to be courageous. Why does Jesus tell them this, and what are the circumstances surrounding Jesus at that time?
2. How can we be courageous? How can we live a life of courage?
3. Let us read the last verse (John 16:33) all together in a loud voice. Considering your life right now, what part of this sermon spoke to you?

