

Gospel according to John 16:6 – 23

New American Standard Version

1 6 “But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has
2 filled your heart. 7 But I tell you the truth, it is to your
3 advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper
4 will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. 8 And
5 He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin
6 and righteousness and judgment; 9 concerning sin, because
7 they do not believe in Me; 10 and concerning righteousness,
8 because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; 11 and
9 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been
10 judged. 12 I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot
11 bear *them* now. 13 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will
12 guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own
13 initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will
14 disclose to you what is to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will
15 take of Mine and will disclose *it* to you. 15 All things that the Father
16 has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will
17 disclose *it* to you. 16 A little while, and you will no longer see Me;
18 and again a little while, and you will see Me.” 17 *Some* of His
19 disciples then said to one another, “What is this thing He is telling
20 us, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while,
21 and you will see Me’; and, ‘because I go to the Father’?” 18 So they
22 were saying, “What is this that He says, ‘A little while’? We do not
23 know what He is talking about.” 19 Jesus knew that they wished to
24 question Him, and He said to them, “Are you deliberating together
25 about this, that I said, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me, and
26 again a little while, and you will see Me’? 20 Truly, truly, I say to
27 you, that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you
28 will grieve, but your grief will be turned into joy. 21 Whenever a
29 woman is in labor she has pain, because her hour has come; but
30 when she gives birth to the child, she no longer remembers the
31 anguish because of the joy that a child has been born into the world.
32 22 Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and
33 your heart will rejoice, and no one *will* take your joy away from
34 you. 23 In that day you will not question Me about anything. Truly,
35 truly, I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name,
36 He will give it to you.”

*Use the suggestions on the back page as a starting point for your own **Observation, Interpretation, and Application.***

Observation (What does it say?):

What do you notice in this passage?

- *Repeated words or ideas?*
- *Comparisons or contrasts?*
- *Purpose or explanation?*
- *Unusual or symbolic language?*
- *Commands or instructions?*
- *Conditional (if–then) statements?*
- *Other observations?*

Interpretation (What does it mean?):

After observing the passage:

- *What parts seem clear and straightforward?*
- *What parts seem unclear or confusing?*
- *What parts challenge your previous thinking?*
- *What questions come to mind as you read?*
- *How would you title this passage?*

Application (What does it mean for me?):

- *What parts of this passage fit your current life situation?*
- *What parts seem unrelated to your circumstances?*
- *How might this passage affect your understanding of who God is and what He is doing?*
- *What part of this passage would be the most challenging for you to apply?*
- *What would be different (attitudes, behavior) if God used this passage to change you?*

Inductive Bible Study

(A few general ideas)

Observation (What does it say?)

What facts do you **observe** about the passage that help bring out the writer's thought process?

- Who are the people involved?
- What action takes place?
- What type of literature is it (poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or left out?
- Are any unusual words used?
- Is there symbolic language?
- What is the grammar of the passage (pronouns, prepositions, verb tenses)?
- Are words or ideas repeated?
- Any comparisons or contrasts?
- Any cause and effect?
- Are there indications of purpose (“in order that...”)?
- Are there conclusions (“Therefore...”)?
- Are there explanations?
- Does the passage logically break into sections?
- How would you summarize the passage?
- What would be a good “headline” for the passage?

Interpretation (What does it mean?)

What questions come to mind about the facts that would help you **interpret** the meaning?

- How would the original readers have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why does the writer use repetition, or contrast, or unusual words?
- What does the grammar or structure of the passage reveal about the writer's thought pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in the passage?
- How are different ideas in the passage connected?
- Are there any new ideas or concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the passage?

Application (What does it mean for me?)

What is the impact on your life? What **application** does the Holy Spirit want to show you?

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to worship?
- Is there an example to follow?

**Read nothing into the Scriptures,
but draw everything from them,
and suffer nothing to remain hidden
that is really in them.
J.A. Benael (1687-1752)**