THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

John 15:26–16:33

Key Verse: 16:13a

1. What word does Jesus use to describe the Holy Spirit, and why? (15:26a; cf. 14:16,26; 16:7) How else is he described, and why? (15:26b; cf. 14:17; 16:13)
2. What would the Holy Spirit help the disciples do? (15:27; Ac5:32) What does it mean to “testify” about Jesus? (1Jn4:14; Ac10:42–43) Why did he warn them about upcoming persecution? (16:1–4)
3. Why was it good and necessary for Jesus to go away? (16:5­–7)
4. What would the Advocate prove, and what do these things mean? (16:8–11) Why is this ministry of the Holy Spirit important?
5. What else would the Holy Spirit do? (16:12–15) What can we learn here about the Spirit, the Father and the Son?
6. How did Jesus explain what was about to happen? (16:16–22) What did Jesus say would change in the future about their relationship with God? (16:23–27)
7. What did Jesus say about himself? (16:28) How did the disciples respond? (16:29–30) Despite this, what did Jesus predict, and how did he encourage them? (16:31–33)