

Transformational Joy

John 16

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

1. _____
2. **Giving** _____
 - a. **Convict** _____
 - b. **Convince** _____
3. **Grief** _____
4. _____ **Father**
5. _____

Prayer Requests

General Requests

- PRAISE: For a wonderful time to remember to give thanks.
- For the building to continue to make progress and be able to be used for our Christmas Eve service.
- For wisdom to know when it is time to return to AWANA and youth.
- For our nation as we face the pandemic and make very hard decisions.
- For many in our community and families struggling with Covid.
- For all the schools as they have all implemented added COVID precautions making education harder for the students.
- For all of us as we enter the Christmas season, to remember the reason for the season
- For God to make each of us a light in our community

Health Concern

- Marc Weinbrenner
- Don Alba
- Susy Thompson
- Ray Greving
- Mardell Lint
- Evelyn Bolger
- Shirley McNeish
- Marg McAdam
- Trudi McNeish
- Milt Andrews
- Denny Meier

Our Missionaries:

- EIBC
- Gross'
- Guthries
- Hunters
- Hunts
- Ron Kooyman
- Renkes
- Sarah Risdon
- Silseths
- Folkmanns

Missionary of the Month – Ron Kooyman

- As he ministers as pastor of Cicero Bible Church
- Pray for the church and the outreach into the inner city of Chicago
- Pray for his work with youth through Chicago Youth Alive

Discussion Questions:

1. How are you at saying goodbye? Is it harder for you to be the one leaving home, or the one left behind?
2. In verse 7, Jesus tells the disciples that it is an advantage to them that He goes away. How is it an advantage to them? Would you rather walk with the Holy Spirit or walk with Jesus in His physical form?
3. Both Jesus and the world offer a form of peace (John 14:27, 16:33), joy (John 15:11; 16:22-24) and love (John 13:34-35; 15:9-19) How have you experienced each type? What is different between them?
4. Have you experienced the convicting power of the Holy Spirit in your life? Have you experienced the convincing power of the Spirit in your life? How?
5. How has the indwelling of the Holy Spirit been an advantage in your life? Has He given you strength in times of trial? Has He given you guidance as you work to share the Gospel and build God's kingdom?

Next Steps:

- I am so thankful to have the Holy Spirit as my Advocate rather than my Adversary.
- I will allow the Holy Spirit to work in me and through me to glorify Jesus.
- I will thank Jesus for doing what is best for me, even when I may want something different.