

## Community Group Questions - John 16:16-24

1. Read John 16:16-24. As Jesus describes his departure, what 3 stages does he walk the disciples through?
2. How did Jesus' purpose in coming confuse the disciples? How was it confusing to the religious opposition to Jesus? (Compare John 6:25-48) How did the resurrection add to their confusion at first?
3. How is the cross and resurrection still confusing to those outside of Christ? How should you/do you respond to that confusion?
4. What hopes did the disciples have that will leave them so sorrowful when he is gone? Why does the world rejoice (John 16:20)? (Compare John 1)
5. How does Jesus going to die on the cross also turn into an even that brings the disciples joy? How do you see the cross and your relationship with God differently because of the cross? (16:23-24)

A Song to Sing Together:

From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,  
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,  
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
For Your covenant is sure,  
And on this I am secure—  
I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

ev'ry fear,  
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come,  
And I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
Grace sufficient, grace for me,  
Grace for all who will believe—  
We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8mG99fdhhqA>

When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in,  
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
You are faithful to forgive that in freedom I might live,  
So I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
Guilt to innocence restored,  
You remember sins no more—  
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Prayer: Pray that every member of your community group would know how the cross secures a believer's joy after sorrow.

When I'm faced with anguished choice, I will listen for  
Your voice,  
And I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
Through this dark and troubled land  
You will guide me with Your hand  
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
And You've promised to complete  
Ev'ry work begun in me—  
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out