

Questions to Consider—With the Master in the Upper Room—Lesson 19—John 16:12-15—The Spirit's Ministry to the Eleven

1) (a) Read John chapters 14-16 and write down what you observe regarding the Holy Spirit. (b) In what ways are these observations an encouragement to you? (c) What new truths have you learned about the Spirit from these chapters? (d) How have they changed your life?

2) Memorize John 16:13.

3) In what ways is John 16:12 helpful to you when giving advice to someone going through troubling times?

4) (a) According to the following verses, what work does the Holy Spirit do in the life of a believer? John 16:12-15; Romans 8:14, 16, 26; 1 Corinthians 12:5-13; Ephesians 5:18; Titus 3:5. (b) Share a time when the dear Holy Spirit ministered to you in one of these ways. (c) According to Ephesians 4:30 and 1 Thessalonians 5:19, what are believers commanded not to do? (d) What do these verses mean?

5) (a) In John 16:14 Jesus says that the Holy Spirit will glorify Jesus. Read any (one chapter is sufficient) chapter in the book of Acts to see how the Spirit's coming did indeed glorify the Lord. (b) Why do you think some churches today focus so much on glorifying the Spirit and not the Lord? (c) What is the danger in that? (d) Is there a balance? If so, what is the balance?

6) Jesus tells the disciples that the Holy Spirit will show them things to come (John 16:13). Read the following verses and write down what the Holy Spirit revealed and to whom. Acts 11:28; Acts 21:10, 11; 1 Timothy 4:1-3; 2 Peter 1:14.

7) What work does the Holy Spirit need to do in your life? Write it down to share as a prayer request.