

John 16 – The Work of the Spirit

These are the leaders notes from the Kielder Bible Study Group for the meeting that was held on 7th May 2013

Starter

Ecclesiastes 3 1-17 Do we need to make time for God to work in our lives?

Recap

In Chapter 15 we learnt the following:-

- Keep close to God
- Jesus uses the vine as an illustration
- Following Jesus is going in the opposite direction to the crowd.

John 16

Jesus continues talking to the disciples

Keeping from going astray 1-4

1-4

Q What do we think the disciples must have thought when they heard Jesus' words in these verses

It is estimated that between 1900 & 1990 over 26 million Christians have been killed for their beliefs

The work of the Holy Spirit 5-16

5-11

Q So what do we think v8-11 mean in practice? Q Why would the Holy Spirit not come unless Jesus went away?

12-16

Q Do we think Jesus' words were just for the disciples or for all Christians?

Q What are the three elements of the evangelistic ministry of the Holy Spirit?

Preaching 5-7

Counselling 8-11 – applies good news to the hearts of believers

Discipling 12-16 – guide in truth

Turn grief to Joy 17-33

Revelation 5 11-14

17-18

Q Why do we think the disciples could not understand what Jesus was saying?

19-24

Q What do we think v23 means in reality?

Q How does this tie back to what we talked about in the previous chapter? A – Fruit, Joy, Love.

Q What does it mean to pray in Jesus' Name? v24

Q What does Jesus want us to have? A Joy – Do we have it, and if not why not?

25-28

Q What does Jesus say will happen to him and do we think the disciples understood what Jesus was saying?

29-33

Q How did Jesus respond to the disciples? Q Do we think they really understood?

Faith - Belief that does not rest on logical proof or material evidence. Q We do not need to have a full understanding to have faith, but what would we say is the minimum understanding required?

Recap

Q What key things struck you from this chapter?

Summary -

- Jesus tells the disciples about the work of the Holy Spirit
- Jesus tells the disciples what will happen