

DISCUSSION 1

Jesus Will Soon be Gone (vv. 16-22)

1. In verse 16, Jesus told his disciples they won't see him for a while and then, they will see him again. What did he mean?
2. Prior to this, Jesus had told the disciples about his death and resurrection. Why do you think they still did not understand?
3. Jesus knew the disciples were struggling to understand. How does he react to their confusion? What does he share in order to help them deal with the sorrow of separation (v. 20)?

DISCUSSION 2

Prayer in Light of Jesus's Departure (vv. 23-24)

1. In the original Greek, two different words are translated as "ask." The first, in verse 23, means inquire; in verse 24, it means petition. When Jesus is gone, they will not ask him questions but can request petitions. What is the condition for answered prayer?
2. What is the result of answered prayer?

DISCUSSION 3

Shared Love between Father, Son & Believers (vv. 25-33)

1. How does verse 26 give you confidence in prayer and remind you of the care of the Father?
2. Jesus said the disciples would "be scattered, each to his own home." When did this happen? Why was he, nevertheless, not alone? How can that encourage us?

3. Jesus said in verse 33 that the disciples can have peace. Why can we/ they have peace? What gives us all encouragement?

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Talk to the family and ask, “What should children do when they do not understand what parents say?”
2. Ask your children why they trust you. Have them share a few of the ways they demonstrate that they trust you?
3. Share prayer requests as a family. Then, talk about what it looks like to trust God in prayer, especially when he doesn’t answer the way we want (parents, start the conversation by sharing honestly about how you’ve struggled when God hasn’t answer your prayers the way you want).
4. Ask: what are ways that Jesus has overcome the world?

APPLICATION

- This week, commit to pray in Jesus’s name and make a list of answered prayers—both the yes and no answers.
- Pray for peace in the world. Make a list of areas in which Jesus has overcome the world.