

JESUS' CARE AND PRAYER

Introduction: On their way to the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus told His disciples that they would suffer persecution, but He would send the Spirit to help them and He would answer their prayers. Then He stopped and prayed for Himself, for His disciples and for all believers.

Lesson Aim: Trust in the Lord for His wisdom and supplies to do the work He wants you to do.

Verse: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding" (Prov 3:5).

Lesson Outline and Questions to Answer

I. The Savior's Precaution — 16:1-4

1. How serious would the persecution of the disciples by the Jews become? 16:2
2. Name some countries where persecution is this bad now?
3. Why do people persecute believers who trust in Jesus Christ? 16:3

II. The Savior's Plan — 16:5-15

4. What would Jesus send to His disciples after He arrived in Heaven? 16:7
5. What should Christians discuss in witnessing, so that they work with the Spirit? 16:8
6. What is the greatest sin a person can commit? 16:9
7. What did Jesus show to the world by His life, death and resurrection? 16:10; cf Rom 3:21-22
8. Why should unbelievers be alarmed? 16:11
9. What would the Spirit do for the disciples when He would come? 16:13-14
Guide them into all _____; show them things _____; _____ Christ.
10. What did Jesus say that proves He is equal to God? 16:15

III. The Savior's Promises — 16:16-33

11. What promise did Jesus give His disciples that was fulfilled a few days later? 16:16-22
12. What promise did Jesus give to all believers that their joy might be full? 16:24
13. What promise does Jesus give to all believers because He overcame the world? 16:33

IV. The Savior's Prayer — 17:1-26

14. For whom did Jesus make requests in His prayer?
 - a. 17:1-5 -
 - b. 17:6-19 -
 - c. 17:20-26 -
15. Five characteristics should identify believers. Find the verse(s) where they are found.

Unity _____	17:13
Service _____	17:26
Sanctification / holiness _____	17:18
Love _____	17:11, 21, 22
Joy of Christ _____	17:17
16. Who must we know to have eternal life? 17:3; also see Jn 14:11