

South Central Gospel Partnership Day Conference “THESE THINGS I HAVE SAID TO YOU...” John 14-16

If running a discipleship group/course, what topics would you want to cover?

Purpose clauses in John 14-16

ταῦτα λελάληκα ὑμῖν - ‘These things I have said to you’

Section	Purpose clause(s)	NIV
13:31– 14:31	<i>ταῦτα λελάληκα ὑμῖν παρ’ ὑμῖν μένων... (14:25) καὶ νῦν εἶρηκα ὑμῖν πρὶν γενέσθαι, ἵνα ὅταν γένηται πιστεύσητε. (14:29)</i>	All this I have spoken while still with you. (14:25) I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. (14:29)
15:1–11	<i>ταῦτα λελάληκα ὑμῖν ἵνα ἡ χαρὰ ἢ ἐμὴ ἐν ὑμῖν ἢ καὶ ἡ χαρὰ ὑμῶν πληρωθῇ. (15:11)</i>	I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. (15:11)
15:12–17	<i>ταῦτα ἐντέλλομαι ὑμῖν, ἵνα ἀγαπᾶτε ἀλλήλους. (15:17)</i>	This is my command: love each other. (15:17)
15:18– 16:4	<i>ταῦτα λελάληκα ὑμῖν ἵνα μὴ σκανδαλισθῆτε. (16:1) ταῦτα λελάληκα ὑμῖν ἵνα ὅταν ἔλθῃ ἡ ὥρα αὐτῶν μνημονεύητε αὐτῶν ὅτι ἐγὼ εἶπον ὑμῖν. (16:4)</i>	All this I have told you so that you will not fall away. (16:1) I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. (16:4)
16:5–33	<i>ἀλλ’ ὅτι ταῦτα λελάληκα ὑμῖν ἡ λύπη πεπλήρωκεν ὑμῶν τὴν καρδίαν. (16:6) ταῦτα λελάληκα ὑμῖν ἵνα ἐν ἐμοὶ εἰρήνην ἔχητε. (16:33)</i>	Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. (16:6) I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. (16:33)

Overview of John 14-16 – see other sheet

13:31–38 Intro to farewell discourse. Jesus is ‘going’

The problem: loss of relationship with Jesus

‘One of the more serious malfunctions in some contemporary evangelical teaching has been the tendency to offer the benefits of the gospel virtually separated from Jesus Christ as benefactor.’ Sinclair Ferguson

The glory of the cross

The command to love

- As I have loved you
- By this everyone will know that you are my disciples

Why is Jesus 'going'? (14:1-31)

List some common Christian answers to the question 'Why did Jesus die?'

To bring the disciples to dwell with him (v1-7)

Jesus 'going' to prepare a place (v2)

We will be with *Jesus* (v3)

Jesus is the way, the truth and the life (v6)

Why is each one of these statements surprising, given the context?

- The way
- The truth
- The life

To continue to make the Father known (v8-14)

'Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father' cf John 1:18

How do most people think of 'god'?

How does Jesus counter each wrong view?

→ Note the importance of the Trinity! (v10a)

Christ's *words* are the Father's *works* (v10)

You will do greater works than these (12-14)

To come to live with his disciples by the spirit (v15-31)

Another advocate (v15-21)

Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching (22-24)

→ True obedience is love, not legalism

'Legalists don't understand the law and antinomians don't understand grace.'
Ligon Duncan, from 'The Whole in our Holiness' at T4G 2018

→ Are we showing fruit of love for Jesus?

The goal: Peace, trust/belief (v25-31)

My peace I give to you

Do not let your hearts be troubled (v27 cf v1)

These things I have said to you so that you may believe / trust

How to live once Jesus has gone

15:1–11 Remain in Jesus. Purpose: joy.

Jesus is the true vine

Branches remaining in Jesus will bear fruit

Apart from me you can do nothing (v5)

What will a ministry look like that relies on Jesus	What will a ministry look like that doesn't rely on Jesus?
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Fruitless branches will be burned

→ Remain in me

→ Expect pruning

→ Purpose: joy!

15:12–17 Love one another. Purpose: Love.

The centre of the discourse, the centre of the Christian life: LOVE

Greater love has no one than this – Christ as example

Purpose: Love each other (v17)

15:18–16:4 Expect persecution. Purpose: not falling away.

Hatred from 'the world'

Servant is not greater than his master

Sin is defined as rejecting Jesus (v22-25)

You also must bear witness

Why is Jesus telling them this? 16:1 so you don't fall away. 16:4 so you're forewarned.

- physical suffering
- marginalization

→ Right expectations in the Christian life!

→ The dangers of falling away

Prayer points for church plants

16:5–33 Understanding the last days. Purpose: peace.

It is better that Jesus goes!

The work of the Holy Spirit in the world (5–11)

Convict the world of

- sin
- righteousness
- judgment

The work of the Holy Spirit in the disciples (12–15)

All truth

He will speak only what he hears

Bring glory to Christ

→ To be led by the spirit is to be a reader of scripture!

Jesus is going to the Father (16–33)

v17-18 Disciples don't understand the timing of things

Image of woman giving birth – beginnings of age of the Spirit (cf Isaiah 25-26)

- Answered prayer
 - 14:13-14
 - 15:7
 - 15:16
 - 16:23-24, 26
- Knowing God

→ Peace