



That you may **BELIEVE**

SERMON

TITLE

The Holy Spirit (Part 2)

John 16:7-15

GROUP DISCUSSION

OPENING DISCUSSION

Read John 16:7-15 as a group and pray together. Reflecting on the sermon this past week, what surprised you, stood out to you, or was new to you? Did anything specifically convict you?

FROM THE MESSAGE

1. What are the three elements of biblical conviction brought about by the Holy Spirit? Why do conviction and convincing go hand-in-hand?
2. According to verse 9, why does Jesus connect the Holy Spirit's conviction concerning sin with the world's unbelief in Him? Why is recognition of sin needed before anything else?
3. What does it mean for the Holy Spirit to convict us concerning righteousness? Jesus says the Spirit will convict concerning righteousness "because I go to the Father." How did the sermon explain the connection between Jesus' departure and the Spirit's ministry of conviction?
4. What does it mean for the Holy Spirit to convict the world concerning judgment? Why does the Spirit convict the world concerning judgment? How does the judgment of "the ruler of this world" show the certainty of judgment?

FOR OUR LIVES

1. How has the Holy Spirit brought conviction to your heart and life? How did He convince you?
2. Are there sins in your life that you are more prone to manage, excuse, or minimize than to confess and repent of? How might the Spirit be calling you to respond differently?
3. Where in your life are you currently aware of a gap between Christ's standard of righteousness and the way you are living? How might the Spirit be prompting you toward greater godliness in that area?
4. As you consider the Spirit's work of convicting you of sin, your need for righteousness, and the certainty of judgment, where is the Holy Spirit bringing truth to bear on your heart right now? What would genuine confession, repentance, and obedience look like in response this week?