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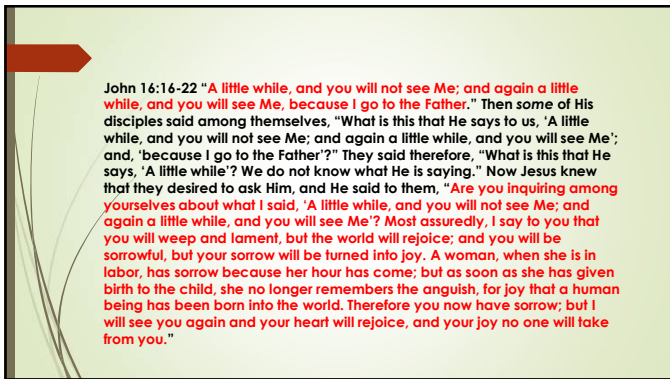
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John 16:16-22

- What does Jesus mean when He says "In a little while you will no longer see me and again a little while will see me?"
- What single event is the cause of grief and joy?
- Why is Jesus concerned about their joy and what is astounding about His concern?

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John 16:23-27 "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God."

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John 16:23-27

- What does it mean that they will no longer ask Jesus for anything?
- What does it mean that Jesus was not going to ask the Father for things on their behalf?
- What is the "time that is coming" where Jesus will no longer talk in figurative language?

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John  
16:23-27

- How is it that we are permitted access to God?
- If now that we have direct access to God, for what is Jesus interceding with the Father for us?
- Why are we so loved by God?
- How do we know if we love Jesus?

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John 16:28-33 "I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father." His disciples said to Him, "See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech! Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God." Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

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John  
16:28-33

- What is the significance of the disciples' statement that Jesus knew all things?
- How can it be that Jesus declares that the disciples now believe but then follows with they will run away leaving Him alone?
- Why did Jesus tell them these things?
- How are grief and joy related and if you have peace, do you also have joy?
- What proclamation is the source of our joy?

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