

3. Jesus is the _____ who knows us and gives Himself for us anyway.

4. Jesus is the _____ who overcomes the world.

JOHN

LIFE IN JESUS

Jesus and His Resurrection Authority

John 16:22-33

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Today we come to the end of the "Farewell Discourse" in John 13-16. These verses are Jesus' last teaching to the disciples as a group before He dies for sin. What is on His mind and heart? What does He say to them in these last words? He tells them 4 things that are true about Himself because of His soon resurrection.

1. Jesus is the _____ who opens the way of prayer.

2. Jesus is the _____ whose salvation work is accepted by God the Father.

TAKING ACTION

This week, in the midst of your own worldly trouble (we all have trouble!), how will you "take heart" in the truth of Jesus to lay hold of the peace of Jesus? How can you intentionally AMPLIFY the Gospel and REDUCE the noise of the world?

NEXT WEEK: *Jesus and His Prayer for His Followers | John 16:23-33*

Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org/groups

CONNECT *(ask this question to check-in with your group)*

Share personal highlights and hard things from the past week as you gather to share life together.

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read John 16:23-32 together as a group. How did you "come under" God's Word and the message this week? How did this text/message speak to you?
2. The setting of this teaching is critical for our understanding! Where and when does Jesus speak these words? What is significant about these words? How does the setting shape how we hear and understand these words?
3. Is Jesus giving us a "name it and claim it" promise in John 16:23 -27? Or is He speaking of the way of prayer opened by His death and resurrection as the One Mediator between God and humankind? What's difference between those two? How are we to understand these verses?

4. Where in this text do we see the grace and patience of Jesus toward His stumbling, fumbling, failing disciples? How does this encourage us who also are stumbling, fumbling, failing followers of Jesus?
5. In John 16:33 why does Jesus say He speaks these words? Does that work? How do Jesus' words give the thing that Jesus promises? Explore the mechanics of this.
6. What does it mean to "take heart"? What are we instructed to "take heart" in? How do we do that? How can you AMPLIFY the Gospel and REDUCE the world's noise? How will you do that this week?

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Share your own needs and troubles.
- TAKE HEART by praying for one another in light of the Gospel truths in John 16.