

## GROUP LEADERS NOTES – STUDY 16

### QUESTION 1

- a) It might seem strange that after three years there is still more the disciples need to know. Why doesn't He just tell them?
- b) There are two reasons for this; both tied up in the statement: *"but you cannot bear them now"*.
- c) Firstly, they were overcome with sorrow because he was leaving them (verse 6). They can't take in more.
- d) Secondly; and perhaps more importantly, it was to do with their inability to understand the significance of the cross, resurrection and ascension before those events take place. Afterwards it will become clear.

### QUESTION 2

- a) Jesus has already promised that the Holy Spirit will remind the disciples of everything Jesus has taught them (**14:26**).
- b) Here He promises them more. The Spirit will guide them into further revelation and tell them what is to come.
- c) This promise follows the statement in verse 12. They will now be able to bear further revelation.
- d) This paves the way for the revelation of New Testament scripture (see **2 Peter 1:19-21**; **2 Timothy 3:16**).

### QUESTION 3

- a) During Jesus' life He was dependent on His Father. He always insisted that he had not spoken on His own, but what the Father wanted (e.g. **12:49; 14:10-11**). The Spirit will in the same way be dependent on the Son.
- b) *"In the unfathomable unity of the Trinity, the Spirit likewise will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak. Like the Son, the Spirit always acts in complete harmony with the Father"* (John MacArthur).
- c) His leading will never be inconsistent with God's revealed word in the Bible.
- d) *"The teaching of the Spirit is, like the teaching of Jesus, nothing less than the teaching of God"* (Don Carson).

### QUESTION 4

- a) He gives understanding as to what is taking place.
- b) **Hebrews 1:1-2** show that God spoke through prophets and through the Son. The Spirit completes the revelation of God.
- c) 'Those things that are to come' sound as though Jesus is referring to the Second Coming. However, it is more likely He is referring to the whole time between Pentecost and Glory.
- d) The Holy Spirit would inspire the New Testament writers, as He had the Old Testament (see **1 Corinthians 2:10**).

### QUESTION 5

- a) The focus of the ministry of the Spirit is Jesus. His role is to complete the revelation of God in Jesus.
- b) He reveals the truth about Jesus.
- c) Jesus glorified the Father by revealing Him. *"He will cause the virtues of Christ to be proclaimed, showing forth His power, holiness, love, etc., and causing these to become resplendently manifest among the nations"* (William Hendriksen).
- d) Jesus is glorified when His followers become steeped in all truth concerning Him. And when they become more like Him (**2 Corinthians 3:18**).
- e) *"Glory comes to Jesus as the truths of the gospel are established in the lives of men"* (Carson).

### QUESTION 6

- a) We have seen the ministry of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are interlinked.
- b) We see one God, but the three persons of that Godhead in action.
- c) We see this in creation. The Father commands it (**Genesis 1:1; Hebrews 1:2**); the Son effects it (**John 1:3; Colossians 1:16**) and the Holy Spirit breathes life to it (**Genesis 1:2; Job 33:4**).
- d) We see it in salvation. God plans it; the Son effects it; the Spirit applies it.