The Gospel According to John
Lesson 29: John 15:26 – 16:33
May 12, 2015

1.   Preparation: Read John 14:15-21. Pray. Write out and memorize John 16:33.

2. Study: John 15:26 – 16:33. Read Köstenberger, *Encountering John*, Chapter 12, pages 153-155.

   a. **Observation**: What do the Scripture passages say?

      (1) **Where** is Jesus and His disciples at the start of this Scripture passage?

      (2) **Who** will Jesus (God the Son) send from God the Father to be with His disciples?

      (3) **What** will His role be (i.e., what are some of the things He will do)?

      (4) **Who** else will bear witness to who Jesus is and why?

      (5) **Why** did Jesus say these things to His disciples?

      (6) **Why** is it to our advantage that Jesus (God the Son) return to God the Father?

      (7) **What** analogy did Jesus use to clarify His statements to the disciples?

      (8) **What** was Jesus' promise to His disciples concerning their sorrow and distress?

b. **Interpretation**: What does the Scripture passage mean?

(1) **Why** would Jesus' disciples "weep and lament"?

(2) **Why** would "the world" rejoice?

(3) **Why** will God the Father respond to the prayers of Jesus' disciples?

(4) Did Jesus' disciples really understand **what** He was saying and the impact on them? Explain.

(5) **Why** did Jesus have this talk with His disciples?

(6) **What** do you think was Jesus' "bottom line" in this Scripture passage?

c. **Application**: How will you apply this Scripture passage in your life?

(1) **How** has the Holy Spirit worked in your life since accepting Jesus Christ as your Savior? Share your story.

(2) **How** do you typically deal with life's difficulties?

(3) **How** could you better apply Jesus' teaching in this Scripture passage in your life? Be specific.

3. Write out John 16:33 from memory.

4. Read Acts 2:1-4. Conclude your study time with prayer.