



*Sermon Questions for October 19, 2025 / Rev. Tony Howard*

**John 16:4–15:** <sup>4</sup>But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. <sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

**Imagine yourself as one of the disciples. Why were they struggling so deeply with the idea of Jesus departing from them? What were they afraid of losing? What did they not understand?**

**Why do you think we talk so little of the Holy Spirit? What about the Holy Spirit seems foreign or even uncomfortable to us?**

**When you think of the Holy Spirit, what do you tend to think of? What does the Holy Spirit do? Do we tend to think of the Holy Spirit as one who exposes and convicts? Why or why not?**

**When it comes to our sin, what causes us to default to running from or covering our sin? How have you felt the spirit of God exposing and convicting you? What tools does he use?**

**How do you understand “grieving the spirit”? How do we do this in our lives?**

**What types of false righteousness do we create for ourselves? Why do we do this? How does the spirit of God disarm you of false righteousness?**



**How have you felt the gracious call of the spirit lead you to repentance?**

**What does it look like to consider and open yourself up to the Holy Spirit more consistently?**