**JOHN 16:19-20**

**8/14/19**

**Intro – Our Lesson Tonight, Returns Us To The Upper Room Discourse. As We Have Seen Many Times In Christ’ Interactions With The Disciples, The 11 Are Left Confused At His Sayings And Teaching’s.**

**This Time, Their Perplexity Stems From A Statement Jesus Made In Verse 16.**

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John 16:16
A Little While, And Ye Shall Not See Me: And Again, A Little While, And Ye Shall See Me, Because I Go To The Father.

**The Term “Little While,” Used By Jesus, Is Not Foreign To The Disciples. Verse 16 Contains The 5th And 6th Time Jesus Made This Statement.**

**What We Find Next, Is That The Disciples Begin To Mutter In Confusion Among Themselves, Trying To Figure Out What Jesus Meant By This Saying.**

**This Brings Us To Our Text Tonight…**

**1. V. 19a – What Does The Apostle John Say Of Jesus As This Verse Opens? (*He Knew They Were Attempting To Find Out The Meaning, Among Themselves*)**

**2. This Not The First Time Jesus Has Demonstrated His Deity Through His Omniscience (*Discuss Briefly*).**

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He Knew Their Thoughts, And Their “Private” Conversations.

**3. Why Do You Think They Did Not Simply Ask Him? (*Perhaps Out Of Fear Or Shame*)**

**4. V. 19b – What Did Jesus Ask Them?**

**5. What Does This Demonstrate About Christ’ Desire That They Understand The Meaning Of His Saying?**

**6. I Believe This Also Demonstrates That God Is Interested In Showing/Teaching Us So Much More Than We Already Know!**

**7. Why Do You Think We Don’t Know More About God, God’s Will For Us; And The Things Of God?**

**8. I Believe One The Primary Reasons Is Found In The Book Of Jeremiah…**

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Jeremiah 29:13

**9. *The Question Is, How Bad To We Want To Know More Of The Things Of God!***

**10. V. 20a – Jesus Takes The Initiative To Ensure That His Disciples Are Provided With More Teaching On This Matter. He Begins His Explanation With Those Familiar Words, *“Verily, Verily!”***

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What Jesus Is About To Say To Them Is Of Such Great Importance, He Prefaces It With The Strongest Possible Assertion That It Is True!

**11. Before Going Further, We Must Make Sure That We Understand What Are The Things Referenced In Verse 16 That Will Happen In A “Little While.”**

**12. Who Can Tell Us What Those Things Are? (*Most Likely His Death And His Resurrection As A Part Of His Return To The Father*)**

**13. V. 20b – What Does He Say Will Be The Effect Of The First “Little While,” On Them? (*They Will Weep And Mourn*)**

**14. For What, Exactly, Will They Mourn? (*His Crucifixion*)**

**15. Why Will His Crucifixion Cause Them To “Weep And Mourn?”**

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* They Will Not Understand Through His Crucifixion, Payment For Sin Will Be Achieved.
* They Will Not Understand That Christ’ Crucifixion Is Not The End Of The Story!

**16. V. 20c – At The Same Time The Disciples Will Be Sorrowful, What Effect Will Christ’ Crucifixion Have On The Rest Of The World?**

**17. For The Rest Of The World, Jesus’ Death Is A Sweet Relief!**

**What Are Some Of The Reasons The Jewish Leadership Will Rejoice?**

**What Are Some Of The Reasons The Roman Government Will Rejoice?**

**18. What Are The Reasons, Today, That The World Rejoices At The Idea That Jesus Is A *Non-Factor*, And His Message Is Of No Relevance? (*Discuss*)**

**19. V. 20d – Jesus Does Not Leave His Disciples In Misery. How Does He End Verse 20?**

**20. When Will The Disciples Sorrow Be Turned To Joy? (At The Resurrection)**

**21. There Will Come A Time When Both The Crucifixion And The Resurrection Are Blessed Truths To The Disciples.**

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This Demonstrates That Sometimes, That Which Seems To Be The Greatest Tragedy Or Loss In Our Life, Is But The Gateway To Our Greatest Blessings!

**22. Who Would Like To Describe What You See In This Photo?**

**(Slide 8 – Photo)**

***Often Our Preconceived Ideas Prevent Us From Seeing The Reality Of Things!***