



Week 26
Discussion Questions

Text: John 16:16-33

Icebreaker: If you have given birth or assisted, what do you remember about the birth process? OR, What have your parents told you about your birth?

1. Read this week's passage. What stands out from the text or sermon?
2. To what is Jesus referring in his riddle to the disciples in John 16:16-19?
3. Why will the world rejoice at Jesus' departure while the disciples experience sorrow?
4. Read Romans 8:18-25. How do these verses give insight to what Jesus' means when he compares his leaving to childbirth?
5. How do we define joy?
6. When was a time you experienced sorrow that later turned to joy or when have you experienced joy even amidst sorrow?
7. What does Jesus claim should bring peace to his followers?
8. How do we define peace?
9. What ways do you try to find peace that the world provides?
10. Read 1 John 5:4. How do we overcome the world?
11. Share a time when you had to rely on Jesus' promises of peace and joy in order to overcome tribulation in this life.