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16:4-7 The Spirit's good arrival: in spite of what the disciples may think, it is truly best for Jesus to go to the cross and to ascend into heaven. The accomplishment of His mission means salvation for all who believe. Plus, they will not be left without help: the Holy Spirit will be with them.

16:8-11 The Spirit's work in the world: part of the work of the Holy Spirit is to bring conviction to the world that Jesus is Messiah and King and that everyone, everywhere needs to repent and trust in Him. In this way, the Holy Spirit testifies to and glorifies Jesus.

16:12-15 The Spirit's work in the disciples: God's will ends up being accomplished through God's people. The Holy Spirit will specifically empower the disciples to share the Good News of Jesus and pass on the mission of discipleship.

Context: The time for the cross is coming ever closer as Jesus speaks to the disciples. Though they despair at the thought of Christ leaving them, it is actually all part of the plan. The Holy Spirit will come upon them in a new way and enable the disciples to be faithful to all that Christ has commanded.

Aim: Christ's departure results in the equipping of the disciples to be a vital part of God's work.

Gospel: It is precisely because Christ will go to the cross that the disciples should be glad and trust in Jesus' plan.

Applications: Do you trust Christ's evaluation of your needs more than your own? Will you ask for the Spirit's help in spreading the Gospel? How will you bring glory to Jesus?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
