

Take Heart

John 16:16-33

Key Verse: 16:33

1. Read verses 16-22. What did Jesus mean by “In a little while” and “after a little while”? Why does he compare his imminent departure to childbirth? What will be the cause of their grief? Of their joy?
2. Read verses 23-24. What does Jesus promise? What had the disciples’ prayer life been like before? What change would Jesus’ death and resurrection make? Read verses 25-28. Why must we pray? Why pray in Jesus’ name?
3. Read verses 29-33. What is the point that the disciples finally grasped? Why is this so important? How did Jesus equip them to meet the coming difficulties? What was Jesus’ personal faith and assurance? What is our assurance of victory?