Week 2:

To Your Advantage

FINAL WORDS

QUESTIONS

1. What made you think differently in the message this weekend?
2. Read John 16:7. Jesus tells His disciples that it is to their advantage that He goes away so the Spirit can come. Many of us still think life would be easier if Jesus were physically beside us, yet the Spirit offers something even better - His presence in every believer, always. In what areas of your life do you function as if you're spiritually "on your own," wishing Jesus were physically here to guide you? What might change if you began trusting the Spirit as deeply present, personally guiding, and fully sufficient for what you're walking through right now?
3. Read John 16:7–11. Most of us instinctively resist conviction because it feels uncomfortable or exposing. Yet Jesus calls conviction a gift meant to lead us into freedom, clarity, and life. Where in your own journey have you experienced the Spirit's conviction not as condemnation, but as a loving intervention? How did the conviction of the Holy Spirit help when self-reliance was pulling you away from God?
4. Describe a time when you sensed the Holy Spirit leading you, and you intentionally made the decision to obey, even though it was hard or uncomfortable? How did that moment impact your relationship with God?
5. How are you currently inviting the Holy Spirit to be active in your daily life? This week, how can you intentionally look at the Holy Spirit's conviction and direction in your life?
6. Read John 16:10. How does the Holy Spirit point you back to Jesus' finished work instead of your own efforts? When the Holy Spirit shows you what Jesus' righteousness looks like, how does that influence the choices you make or the attitudes you carry in daily life?
7. What is one practical step you can put into practice this week?

Scripture References

Read: John 16:5-11

Takeaways

- It's easy to get preoccupied with ourselves at the expense of the bigger picture.
- "Jesus, I just wish you were here to tell me what to do."
- If Jesus stays, He can only be with some people occasionally.
- If He goes, He can be with every believer always.
- Convict = to convince, to bring to light, to show to be true, to indicate where someone has gone wrong.
- Why is it to our advantage that the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin?
    - So we can be aware that our sin and self-sufficiency will take us away from God and lead to our destruction.
- Holy Spirit, thank You for revealing the truth about life apart from You.
- Why is it to our advantage that the Holy Spirit convicts us of His righteousness?

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    - So we can rest knowing that Jesus' righteous, sacrificial mission was accomplished in His death, resurrection, and ascension and that His righteousness counts as ours.
- Holy Spirit, thank You for showing us that the healing our hearts long for is found in Jesus' finished work, not our own.
- Why is it to our advantage that the Holy Spirit convicts us of judgment?
    - So we can know the devil and his demons were stripped of their power to bring fear of condemnation and death because of Jesus' work on the cross.
- Holy Spirit, thank You for steadying our hearts when the accuser points to our failures.
- The Spirit is actively carrying on the Father's and Son's work—deep within every believer—and that is to our advantage!