

Greek Readings
Series B, Feast of Pentecost
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

● **Verses 15:26-27**

- Look up *παράκλητος* in BDAG (766). What does this word mean? _____. How does the Bible describe the work of the *παράκλητος*? (cf. Jb. 33:23; Jn. 14:15-17, 26; 16:6-8; Mt. 10:19; Mk. 13:11; Lk. 12:11 _____.)
- Parse *πέμψω* _____. To whom does John's Gospel attribute the sending of the *παράκλητος*? (cf. Jn. 14:26; 15:26; 16:7) _____.)
- Look up *μαρτυρέω* in BDAG (617-18). What action does this verb describe? _____. How does *μαρτυρέω* relate to the work of the Holy Spirit? (cf. Jn. 1:6-8; 5:31-33; 15:26-27; 21:24) _____.)
- Translate *ἀπ' ἀρχῆς*. To what period of time does the phrase refer? (cf. Jn. 6:64; 8:25, 44; 16:4) _____.

● **Verses 16:4b-5**

- Parse *ταῦτα* _____. To what does this pronoun refer? (cf. Jn. 15:18-20; 16:1-4) _____.
- Parse *τὸν πέμψαντα* _____. To whom does this participle refer? (cf. Jn. 4:34, 38; 5:23-24, 37-38) _____.)
- Jesus expresses surprise that the disciples ask no questions about his departure. What does their silence suggest about their misunderstanding of Jesus' mission as the Christ? (cf. Jn. 13:33-36; 14:5-7, 27-29; 16:6-8) _____.

● **Verses 16:6-7**

- Parse *λελάληκα* and look up *λαλέω* in BDAG (582). _____. What kind of action does the verb describe? (cf. Lk. 2:50; Jn. 6:63; 8:40; Eph. 4:25; I Cor. 14:3) _____.
- Look up *λύπη* in BDAG (604-605). What does the word suggest about the intensity of the emotions the disciples will feel at Jesus' departure? (cf. Lk. 22:45; II. Cor. 2:7) _____.
- Notice that usual expression in John is that joy may be "complete." (cf. Jn. 3:29; 15:11; 16:24; 17:13) What significance is there in this passage that grief (*λύπη*) and not joy has filled the disciples hearts? _____.
- Parse *συμφέρει* _____. How do this verb's other occurrences in John inform the reader's understanding of its meaning here? (cf. Jn. 11:50; 18:14) _____.
- What types of conditional statements are in this verse (16:7)? _____.
- Why from the perspective of Pentecost is it better that Jesus "go away?" _____.
- How precisely does the Spirit connect the Church to her Lord? _____.
- _____.
- What implications does the statement of Jesus' departure and the Spirit's work have for the Church in these "latter days?" _____.
- Look up *πορεύω* in BDAG (853). Where do you suppose Jesus is "going?" (cf. Jn. 16:10) _____.

• **Verses 16:8-9**

- Parse ἐλθὼν. _____ . What is the position of the participle (attributive/predicate) and how does this position inform its meaning? _____ .
- What is the grammatical significance of περὶ + the genitive case? _____ .
- Look up κόσμος in BDAG (562-563). What does κόσμος mean here and in similar contexts? _____ . (cf. Jn. 8:23; 12:25, 31; 13:1; I. Jn. 4:17; I Cor. 3:19; 5:10)
- How do the occurrences listed above differ from its use elsewhere in John? (cf. Jn. 1:29; 3:16-18) _____ .
- Parse πιστεύουσιν _____ . What is the relationship in John’s Gospel between faith in Jesus and the Paraclete’s work of judgment? (cf. Jn. 3:16-18, 36 5:24, 38 6:29) _____ .
- How does unbelief relate to sin (ἀμαρτίας) in John’s Gospel? (cf. Jn. 8:21-24; 15:24) _____ .

• **Verses 16:10-11**

- Parse ὑπάγω. _____ . To what event does this verb refer? (cf. Jn. 20:17; Ac. 1:6-11)
- Look up ἄρχων in BDAG (140). Where has this world’s ruler “been judged?” (cf. Jn. 12:31) _____ .
- Parse κέριται. What does the verb’s tense reveal about the judgment of ὁ ἄρχων τοῦ κόσμου? _____ .

• **Verses 16:12-13**

- Parse βαστάζειν. _____ . Which use of the infinitive is this? _____ .
- Exactly when, where, and how does Jesus speak “the many things” to his disciples? (cf. Mk. 4:33; I Cor. 3:2) _____ .
- Look up ἀλήθεια in BDAG (42-43). How does John describe the relationship between Jesus and truth? (cf. Jn. 1:17; 8:32, 44; 14:6; 17:17-19) _____ .
- Parse ἀναγγελεῖ. _____ . What activity does this verb describe and how does it inform the reader’s understanding of the Holy Spirit’s work? (cf. Jn. 4:25; 16:15; I Jn. 1:5; Ac. 20:20; Rom. 15:21) _____ .

• **Verses 16:14-15**

- To **whom** exactly does ἐκεῖνος refer in Jn. 16:14 and why is this reference remarkable? _____ .
- Look up δοξάζω in BDAG (258). What does the word mean in this passage? _____ .
- How does the Spirit work through Christians to glorify Christ? (cf. Jn. 14:12-17; **15:26-27**) _____ .
- Parse πάντα _____ . According to John, what are the things that Jesus gives His disciples from the Father? (cf. Jn. 5:21, 26; 6:32, 40, 65; 15:15-16; 20:19-23) _____ .

Integration of Meaning

Prepare a snappy sermon title and an outline containing three supporting points.