

**July 9, 2023**

It is Better

John 15:26-16:15

Many times, we think, “It would be great if Jesus was here.” After all, if Jesus was here, He would tell us all we need to know. It seems odd then that Jesus states it is better for us that He goes away rather than to be physically present with us. It is better for us because in His departure Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to us. Now instead of having God beside us, we have God in us.

**Additional Verses:**

Isaiah 64:5-6

Ezekiel 36:26-27

1 John 2:1

**Outline:**

1. We need the Holy Spirit to encourage us.

2. We need the Holy Spirit to precede us.

3. We need the Holy Spirit to guide us.

**Study Questions:**

1. Why is it better for us that Jesus leaves? Why is it important that He returns to the Father?

2. How does the Holy Spirit precede the mission of the church?

3. Describe the three-fold ministry of the Holy Spirit in the world. How does the church reflect this to the world?

4. Describe the three-fold ministry of the Holy Spirit as our guide.

5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?