

St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2025! Leading to Worship Sunday, June 15, 2025

Reading: John 16:12-15

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! EBC also has a video component on the St. John's website and St. John's YouTube channel. This week, we consider how Jesus and the Holy Spirit help us respond to the worst news. Click here: https://youtu.be/KdQ4_zLPFQ8
Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

Three Points

- In the verses before our reading this week, Jesus has just told the disciples that he will be leaving them. Jesus has also foreshadowed that the disciples will be killed by others who claim they are serving God by killing the disciples. (John 16:2)
- Jesus continues, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come." (John 16:12-13)
- "All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you." (John 16:15)

Two Questions

- Why do you think Jesus stops from telling the disciples everything he has to say? Did Jesus have more "bad" news? Or was Jesus refraining from telling the good news in that moment? When you've just heard the worst news, are you in the best place to hear and learn about the "silver linings?"
- Do you see the amazing Triune God in verse 15? Since Jesus has all that God has, and the Spirit is declaring all that Jesus has, is there any difference between God, Jesus and the Spirit? How do you see them as the same? How do you see them as different?

Action Step

- Embrace the gift of the Holy Spirit! God calls us, as we are ready, to move past "bad news" and sorrow to truth in his love!

Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!