

# STORMY WEATHER AHEAD

(February 18, 2018)

(John 16)

## Small Group Study Notes

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Getting to know you: It's the week of Valentine's. For those married, how did you meet your spouse. For those single, should you choose to marry (some may have the gift of singleness), what qualities are you looking for in a spouse?

- 1) What is the context of John 16 (you may want to read the chapter out loud)? What is going on? Tee things up for us.
- 2) Have you ever been ostracized or shunned from an event, group or club? How did or would that make you feel?
- 3) It is easy to become self-absorbed with our own problems and miss out on opportunities to show interest in what someone else is going through. What might this look like?
- 4) We spoke about the 3-fold work of the Holy Spirit: grappling with the sinner's heart, guiding the believer and glorifying Christ. Can you provide one example as to how the Holy Spirit has done one of these works in your life?
- 5) How does knowing that sorrow is only temporary help you get through the stormy events of life? Can you share a personal example?
- 6) Knowing we can go directly to the Father in prayer should motivate us to pray. Why then do we struggle to pray?
- 7) How have you seen someone demonstrate courage for Christ?

### CLOSE:

- What concerns you about this passage?
- What confuses you?
- What one thing will you do this week because of what you have learned or been reminded of?