

## **July 4, 2021 – Small Groups**

### **Read John 16:25-33**

1. Jesus gave His final four lessons to His disciples before He would be betrayed. The first lesson is about His speaking plainly about the Father when He had been speaking in figures of speech to His disciples. Jesus was alluding to the Holy Spirit who will bring to mind in a new and clearer light the words of Jesus to His disciples. How have you experienced the "plain speech" of the Holy Spirit in your reading, studying, and meditating the words of Scripture?
2. Jesus' second lesson was about prayer. He taught His disciples that we can approach God as Father because the Father loves us as He loves the Son. What often hinders our approaching God with confidence, assurance, and as our good and generous Father?
3. The third lesson is a warning about being self-assured in our Christian faith. As important as right doctrine and living are, they do not guarantee safety and protection in life. In what ways do we as Christians become self-assured in our own faith and religion?
4. The fourth and last lesson is an encouragement. Jesus guarantees trouble in this life, but reminds us that He has overcome the world. And His way of overcoming the world was through the cross. How could we as Christians overcome the troubles of this life the same way as Jesus did?