

## Empowered by the Spirit for the task

John 15:26-16:4

- I. We have the Holy Spirit to empower our task of sharing the gospel (John 15: 26-27).
  - A. The Holy Spirit is sent from the Father by Jesus to communicate the gospel (26).
  - B. The Holy Spirit will testify about Jesus through believers who testify about Jesus (27).
    - We must declare the gospel because the same Holy Spirit lives in us as in the apostles (Acts 1:8).
- II. We have the Holy Spirit to encourage us when persecuted for the gospel (John 16:1-4).
  - A. Don't give up – Be encouraged by Spirit's presence (1).
  - B. Don't be surprised – Expect Persecution (2-3).
    - Disciples may be ostracized for the gospel.
    - Disciples may be killed for the gospel.
  - C. Jesus waited to tell them about the Spirit until they needed the Spirit (4).

