

GROWTH GROUP STUDY GUIDE

For the week of March 30, 2008

Getting started: Talk about a time when we were left alone and/or a time when you left someone else alone. Describe your feelings at that time.

Open your Bible to John 16:29-33.

- Read 16:29-32a. What reason(s) do the disciples give for affirming their belief that Jesus came from God? In the end, Jesus states that their faith will not keep them from abandoning Jesus in a time of trouble. Is there a problem with their faith? If so, what is it? Are there any other issues to consider?
- As disciples of Jesus today, the resurrection of Jesus makes us believe that Jesus came from God. Do we or do we not have an advantage over the first disciples when it comes to abandoning Jesus in times of trouble? Why or why not?
- Read 5:32b-33. Jesus responds to the future failure of the disciples with three statements. What are they? More importantly, **why** does Jesus make these statements to the disciples?
- How are we likely to “abandon” Jesus today? (If you feel comfortable, share a time when you “abandoned” Jesus recently.) How does it make you feel to know how Jesus responds to your failures—both present and in the future?



Please pray for...

- All congregation meeting on Sunday, April 13.
- Dave Schultz as he continues his work as a church planter in Michigan.

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Sermon Notes

- **Our _____ faith in Jesus does not mean we will never _____ Jesus in the future (16:29-32a).**
 - _____ of their faith was too _____.

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- **When _____ Jesus in the future we must not fail to have _____ for the future (16:32b-33).**
 - **When we _____ Jesus, Jesus in not _____.**

 - **When we _____ Jesus, Jesus will not _____ us.**

 - **When we are overcome, Jesus is not _____.**