

TABLE 3

The Upper Room

John 16

John 16:1 All this I have told you so that you will not fall away.

Fall away means to be offended or to stumble. Have you experienced troubles that have caused you to be offended towards God? How have you handled those offenses?

John 16:2 They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God.

The pioneers of Christianity by following the Table Flipper became the cultural outcasts.

What new information did you learn about what it meant to “be put out of the synagogue”?

How does that impact the way you feel about the pioneers of Christianity?

When we began following Jesus, we essentially signed up for persecution. How does this influence the way you think about ways you are currently being inconvenienced for the sake of the gospel?

Deanna gave the example of only being able to gather in our homes for worship. I'd like to push that thought farther since as Believers we have become the very temple of God.

No one can shut down or kick you out of your place of worship. It's within you.

1 Corinthians 3:15-17 (How do you want to embrace this freedom and privilege from now on?)

A Great Gift (Have you ever received a gift you didn't want but later you realized it was a great gift?)

7 But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

12 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. 14 He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. 15 All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

Advocate, Counselor, Consoler, Comforter, Helper, Friend, Spirit of Truth, Intercessor, Teacher, Witness, Indweller of Believers, Convictor of Sin, Guide, Deposit or Seal, Author of Scripture, Spirit of Life

Romans 8:2, 9-11, 16, 26; John 14:26-27, 1 Corinthians 2:12-16, 19; 6:19; 2 Corinthians 1:22, 5:5, 3:17; Ephesians 1:13-14; John 1:1-3; Hebrews 2:4, 10:15, Galatians 5:22-23

Genesis 1:2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

What's been your bright spot for this week?