

## FBC Sebring Wednesday Prayer Meeting

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### John 16:16-24 (ESV)

*16 A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me."*

*17 So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?"*

*18 So they were saying, "What does He mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what He is talking about."*

*19 Jesus knew that they wanted to ask Him, so He said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see Me, and again a little while and you will see Me'?"*

*20 Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.*

*21 When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.*

*22 So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.*

#### Prayer points:

- Praise God for Jesus' victorious death and resurrection, that gives us forgiveness and hope and answers so many of our questions.
- Thank God for Jesus' triumph over the world and over our sin, that turns our sorrow into eternal joy.
- Thank God that we have the benefit of the Holy Spirit and the Word, so that we have more understanding of what Jesus is talking about.

*23 In that day you will ask nothing of Me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My Name, He will give it to you.*

*24 Until now you have asked nothing in My Name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.*

#### Prayer points:

- Ask God to help you to pray confidently and in faith (1 John 5:14-15), based on Jesus' words.
- Pray that our joy in Christ would be full.
- Think about what God would have you pray boldly for, and then pray that.

