

# DIALOGUE WITH JESUS

## JOHN 16:16-33

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

BACKGROUND—“Praying in Jesus’ name is not only praying in His authority but also praying in a way consistent with His character.” Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, p. 379. One good way of dialoguing with God is to pray Scripture back to Him either in thanksgiving, confession, or requests from Him.

***IN RELATIONSHIP***—(John 16:21-26, fn 16:23-27) ***AS HIS CHILD*** (John 16:23, I John 3:1, fn 3:1) ***AS YOUR ABBA FATHER—DADDY*** (Galatians 4:5-7, fn 4:5-7) ***AS YOUR FRIEND*** (John 15:15, fn 15:15) ***AS YOUR MAKER*** (Psalms 100:3, fn 100:3) *Why does our Father desire for us to spend time in dialogue (prayer) with Him?*

***IN FAITH***—Asking and receiving, you believe at last! You realize that you are powerless without Christ! (John 16:27-32, fn 16:31-33, Hebrews 4:14-16, fn 4:16, Hebrews 10:19-23, fn 10:19, Hebrews 11:6, fn 11:6[1<sup>st</sup>], Philippians 4:13, fn 4:13, John 15:5) *How could your family or those you associate with know that you have dialogued with the Lord Jesus?*

***IN OVERCOMING THE WORLD AND IT’S TROUBLES***—Since the One who overcame the world lives in you, dialoguing with Him in prayer will also help you to overcome. (John 16:33, fn 16:33, Philippians 4:4-7, fn 4:6, 7, fn 4:7, Ephesians 6:18, fn 6:18, John 8:31-36, fn 8:32, I John 4:4, fn 4:4) *Using these principles (relationship, faith, and overcoming) and Jesus’ prayer in John 17, spend time (15 minutes) in dialogue with Jesus each day for the next six days. Share your experience with your group.*

*Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.*