**Fellowship CommUnity Group**

**Discussion Guide for Leaders**

*Series: From the Inside Out*

*Sermon: Greater Works Than These*

*9-29-19*

1. **Getting To Know Each Other** Ask everyone in the group to answer. Opening Question: **What skill, interest or hobby would you enjoy pursuing if time and money were not a constraint?**

* **Opening Prayer**. (Either leader, host home or someone who is willing to pray out loud)

*(Notes from message for reference only – use only as needed)*

**\*\***Use Sermon notes bulletin insert

I. It was to our advantage that Jesus left.

II. Jesus told us that we would do greater works than he did.

**What Did Jesus Mean?**

He meant that the ‘greater work’ is the Spirit’s work of salvation in the heart of the unbeliever.

**Jesus Continued…**

Christ’s ministry continues, it is not finished, but it continues through the Holy Spirit.

> The Spirit of God inside us is better than Jesus beside us!

**Into The Text** (Leaders: This time is not meant to be application yet, this is time in the Word, before we seek to apply truth, we need to understand the truth. The section after this one will focus on application.)

1. Ask someone to read John 16:1-7. *Ask: Why did sorrow fill the hearts of the disciples? What did Jesus mean that it was to their advantage that he leaves? Did the disciples think it was to their advantage that Jesus should leave? In what ways, was it advantageous for the disciples that Jesus left?*
2. Ask someone or several people to read John 14:1-12. *Ask*: *According to V2-3, why was Jesus leaving them? Why did Jesus need to leave in the first place? Couldn’t he have just stayed on earth this whole time? Did Jesus have to leave in order for us to be able to do greater works than him? Why?*
3. Ask someone to read Acts 2:37-41. *Ask: In what way is this passage an example of ‘greater works than these will he [we] do’? What specific greater work did the Spirit empower Peter to do? What is the miracle in Vs 37-41? In what way, is this miracle greater than the works of Jesus?*

**Application & Discussion**

1. Say: **Let’s move to application and discussion**. *Ask: Share with the group your honest struggle in believing that the Holy Spirit can do greater works through you than Jesus did himself?*
2. *Ask: Don’t we typically believe that we would be better off with Jesus ‘beside us’ than with the Spirit inside us? Why is that? Why does Jesus want you personally to believe that you can do greater things through the indwelling Spirit of God?*
3. *Ask: Why do we sometimes think that God’s greatest work was all in the past? What does that say about the person and ministry of the Spirit in our lives today?*
4. Say: Your testimony of the Spirit’s saving work in you is an example of the greater work*. Ask: Go around the room and ask those who are willing, to briefly testify of God’s saving work in them.*

**Closing Prayer Time**: **(Leader Say:**) Let’s close with a time of prayer. Thank the Spirit of God for his saving work in you. Thank Jesus for making that work possible through his life, death and resurrection. Ask the Spirit to help you believe that he can and will do greater work in you.

(*Ask someone to open, let people pray as they feel led, and then leader closes.)*