Personal Bible Study

Who Convicts? (Part 1 of 2)

Cross & Grace Ministries

Purpose
Many Christians have been taught that it is their responsibility to convict people of sin. But what does Jesus actually teach? This study examines Scripture to distinguish between our responsibility and the Holy Spirit's work. As you work through these passages, ask yourself: *What does the Bible actually say?*

Key Passage – John 16:8–11 (KJV)

Read John 16:8–11. Observation: Who is the One who convicts the world? What three things does He convict the world of?

What Is Our Responsibility?

Read Mark 16:15, Ephesians 4:15, Acts 17:30, Galatians 6:1, Hebrews 3:13, and 1 Corinthians 5. Write one responsibility God gives believers from each passage.

What Is God's Work?

Read John 16:8–11, Acts 16:14, Acts 2:37, 2 Timothy 2:25, and 1 Corinthians 3:6–7. What does each teach about God's work?

Reflection

How does knowing that the Holy Spirit brings conviction change the way you share the gospel?

Have you ever felt responsible for changing someone's heart?

How can speaking the truth in love look different when you trust God to do His work?

Key Truths

Truth is _____.
Conviction is _____.
We plant. We water. _____.

Memory Verse

John 16:8 (KJV): "And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment."

Final Encouragement

Faithfully proclaim God's truth. Trust the Holy Spirit to bring conviction. We are called to be faithful; God is responsible for the results.

Truth is our responsibility. Conviction is the Holy Spirit's work.