take time **6 May** **John 16:19-33** read

http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%2016:19-33&version=NKJV

"Be of good cheer!"

study

The Lord Jesus knows everything! He knows what the disciples are thinking of (vv19-20).
He also knows that they will be sad when He leaves them. But He will see them again. The disciples will see Him bodily, as the Risen One, and later by faith – just like you as a Christian can see Him today. Lastly you will see Him when He comes again to take you to Himself. Are you looking forward to that (vv21-22)?
"That day" which the Lord Jesus then mentions refers to the time of grace in which we live today – a time of joy. The Holy Spirit is here; He has "openly" told you everything in the New Testament; you may know how much the Father loves you … (vv23-28).
The disciples are always a little behind in their thoughts and think only of themselves. They will leave Him alone when it comes to the crunch (vv29-33).

ans-wer

81. Is the Lord Jesus completely alone, after the disciples have left Him?
82. Why does the Father love you if you are a Christian?

in-form

In the New Testament you read of „full joy" three times ...

- ... in chapter 15:11 in connection with the word of God.
- ... here in connection with prayer (v24).
- ... in 1 John 1:4 in connection with fellowship with the Father and the Son.

So what do you need to be full of joy? The Bible, prayer and through it fellowship with God!

think

As a Christian you can rejoice:
You are always loved!

note down

81. No, the Father is with Him (v32).
82. Because we love the Lord Jesus and believe that He came forth from God (v27). The Father is happy about that.