

Life Group Homework

JOHN 14:1-14 – Jesus the Only Way

Getting Started:

1. How do we know if we truly believe something? Is our confidence based on how strongly we 'feel' that something is true at any given moment?

2. If you have ever had a time when your faith was able to overcome your troubled heart, and you are willing, please share that situation with a group and share how your faith addressed your fears.

Digging In:

1. When Jesus instructed His disciples to not let their hearts be troubled He had just announced that He would be betrayed and was only hours from being put to death on the cross. How would His instruction to believe in God and to believe in Him help calm their troubled hearts in such dire circumstances?

2. What fear might the disciples have in their heart that would be addressed by the promise that Jesus is going to prepare a place for them and will be returning to take them with Him?

3. Since Jesus is not an actual road to walk on, how is He 'the way' and how do we walk in that 'way' in our everyday life?

4. Jesus does not simply say that He is the way, He also adds that He is the truth and the life. How are these three concepts related to each other? Why does Jesus mention all three rather than simply answering Philip with “I am the way”?

5. What are some of the other “ways” that we might try to get to the father?

6. If you were a disciple looking at Jesus when He said “Whoever has seen me has seen the father” what questions would you have? Would it be easy to believe His statement?

7. Do you believe that Jesus is in the Father and the Father is in Jesus? If yes, explain what you are believing.

8. When Jesus again emphasizes in verse 10 that He is not speaking of His own authority and adds that the works are actually the works of the Father who dwells in him; how might this be preparing us for the instruction on the indwelling of the Holy Spirit that follows later in this chapter?

9. Think on how the works of Jesus were the works of the Father, then think on the Spirit of the Father, the Holy Spirit, dwelling in us. Use these thoughts to discuss just how it is that we who believe in Jesus will do the works He did and even greater works.

10. How is God glorified in the Son when Christ does whatever we ask in His name, and what does it mean to ask for something in His name?

Living It Out:

1. If we truly believe that Jesus is who He said He is and will come back to take us to be with Him, how will that help us to not be troubled in our hearts in the various circumstances of our life?

2. If we truly believe that Jesus is who He said He is and will do whatever we ask in His name, how will that help us to not be troubled in our hearts in the various circumstances of our life?