

Week of May 10, 2020

John 14:1-14 (NRSV)

^{NRS} **John 14:1** "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.

² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going."

⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

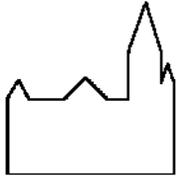
¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.



Group Leader

Remember: you don't need to use all of the questions. Go with what works. Give people a chance to think before answering, but if a question falls flat, move on. Let the discussion go where it needs to go, as long as it remains centered around the lesson. Give the participants page 1. Use this page for yourself.

Gathering questions:

- A. Tell a story about a time you failed to recognize someone and maybe you should have? Or a time when someone failed to recognize you?
- B. When did you do something and think to yourself, "I didn't think I had it in me"?

Bible Study Questions:

1. Do you think about the afterlife much? How does the "many rooms" metaphor speak to you about it?
2. In verse 6 Jesus says the famous words, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." What do each of these mean to you, and which one do you resonate with the most?
3. What do you think verse 14 means? Consider this question: what do you think it means when we pray "in the name of Jesus"? Are we simply invoking his name as if it is a magical incantation? Why do you think we say words like, "in Jesus' name we pray"?
4. Do you really believe the words of verse 12? What are the "works" Jesus did that you can do also?
5. How do you believe that you are empowered by your relationship with Jesus?
6. In this time, is there anything that perhaps you are sensing that God would like to do through you?

Closing prayer: particularly invite prayers about looking for ways God wants to work through us for the sake of the world around us