



Northland Christian Church

Group Discussion Guide For the Week of July 10, 2022

Use the questions below as a springboard for discussion. You do not have to answer every question. Pick the ones you think will be helpful. Remember, Ultimately we want God's answers, not man's opinions. Always land where God lands. (ex: Where do we see that in the Bible?) Give grace. Give time for growth. Don't force it. Growth takes time, love, good questions, & patient, humble support.

Connect

- What are some things that really “drain” you (lose hope)?
- What are some ways that you recharge your battery? How about the world?

Context

In the previous chapter 13, Jesus shared with His disciples that he would be betrayed by one of them and that He would have to leave them. At this point, the disciples did not know what exactly Jesus was talking about (John 16:18). Regardless, the thought of their Master being betrayed (by one of them no less), and leaving them behind had left the disciples “troubled” (v.1). They believed Jesus was the promised Messiah who would restore the Kingdom of Israel to God (Luke 24:21; Acts 1:6). Furthermore, they had followed Jesus Christ faithfully for three years and hoped that they were going to witness (maybe even take part) in this great redemption. But all of a sudden, Jesus delivers this shocking news, and their hopes and dreams were crushed. They found themselves in utter disarray and were overwhelmed with anxiety, fear, and confusion. However, in today's passage (John 14:1-4), Jesus shows compassion towards their troubled hearts. Even though the time of His own suffering and death was nearing, He offers the disciples comfort of hope in the future Heavenly home. - Pastor Spencer Kim

Engage the Bible

Read the passage and share Observations, Surprises, and Takeaways from:

John 14:1-14 NIV

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." 8 Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." 9 Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. 11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the

works themselves. 12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. -

Discuss

1. Do you prefer it when someone gives you directions or shows you the way? Why do you think this is?
2. How does believing in Jesus give us peace as we face the storms of life?
3. How do these words of Jesus give you hope and provide an anchor in your storm?
4. What does Jesus mean that He is the way, the truth and the life (v. 6)?
5. How many ways are there to get to God the Father? Doesn't Jesus seem narrow-minded? What does Jesus' statement say to those who think there are multiple ways to get to heaven and have a relationship with God?
6. Are the words "in Jesus' name" just like "magic words" that make things happen (vv. 13-14)? What is God's ultimate purpose ("so that...") for answering our prayers? How is it that God the Father is glorified in the Son when He answers our prayers and gives us whatever we ask?
7. How has Jesus comforted, encouraged, admonished, and coached you? How have you done so with others?
8. What do you think is the most important aspect of Jesus' way?
9. How did Jesus first get your attention?
10. Who can you help encourage this week?

End Your Group Time in Prayer