

Fall 2020 Week 2 John 14:1-14

Key Objective: Build safety and connection! Invite people to make a commitment to the group!

Key tasks week 2:

1. If possible provide name-tags this week and put together a roster using Realm (or computer or paper) and share that so folks can communicate outside of group and become more familiar with names.
2. After beginning in prayer, connect using the 'my story questions'.
3. During prayer requests – make everyone feel comfortable by explaining we all have different comfort levels in praying out loud but will all grow in prayer together.
4. Reach out to each person this week with a short text, note, email or call (could be as simple as 'praying for you and excited you are a part of the group', or give thanks for a quality you appreciate).

My Story

Get acquainted by responding briefly to the questions below.

- *What is your favorite room in the house? Why?*
- *Can you remember a time you got lost? What happened?*

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What caught your attention from John 14:1-14 or the weekend message?
2. How did the disciples feel when Jesus said he would be leaving them?
 - What is it like when you *feel* distant from God?
 - Describe a time Jesus encouraged you when your heart was troubled or you felt alone in the world?
3. How would you put 14:6 in your own words? What does this mean about other religions or where they lead?
4. Compare Psalm 43:3; Romans 5:8-10; Colossians 1:11-14; 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 9:15.
 - What stands out.
 - How does Jesus connect us to the Father?
5. John 14:12-14; Ephesians 2: 8-10; 2 Corinthians 5:11, 14-15, 20.
 - What holds you back from seeing yourself as an 'ambassador' on mission with Jesus?
 - How does joining Jesus on mission help us fulfill our purpose?
 - Who is Jesus calling you to be an ambassador to?

Next Steps / Living It Out

Interact with the following questions, and then spend some time praying for each other either in big group or break into smaller groups (guys and gals or groups of 3).

- *Where have you sensed God working in or around your life? What is God speaking to you as a result of this message & group time? How will you say yes to obey? How can the group pray for you?*

SERMON SUMMARY...

Big Idea: Jesus promises connection to the Father

1. Jesus 'perceived' absence is troubling. (vs 1-5)
2. Jesus is how we 'stay connected' to God (vs 6-11)
3. Jesus connects us to 'his mission' (vs 12-14)

Challenge: Believe in Jesus! Give thanks for Jesus rescuing you. Who needs what you have in Jesus? Memorize Colossians 4:2-4.