



John 14 Small Group Discussion Questions

- Have someone in the group read John 14:1-14. This is a rich passage; which verses or phrases stick out to you? Why?
- The first seven verses contain several mentions of Jesus “going” somewhere. Where is Jesus going, does it seem?
 - Wesley said one key to understanding this text is understanding that Jesus is going to the cross. How does this clarify the meaning of this text?
 - How is Jesus’ journey to the cross connected with His promise in verse 2, that He “go[es] to prepare a place for you” in the Father’s house?
- Wesley also mentioned that the Trinity can help us understand this passage. How would you define the Trinity, and how can it help us understand this passage?
- In verses 1-3, what is it that Jesus is preparing for us?
 - Why do you think He specifically mentions His Father’s *house* here? Why not instead say that He is preparing a place for us in heaven?
 - Wesley suggested that Jesus uses the image of a large house here to show that the place that He prepares is a *home*. What does the word home mean? How is home different than any place on earth?

- Where do you feel most at home? When you think of the word home, what specific place comes to mind?
 - If heaven is our true home, what does that say about the present world? How do we live in this world knowing that it's not our true home?
 - In what ways can the promise of a future home with Jesus give you comfort and hope in your current life circumstances?
 - Wesley said that because heaven is our true home, no place on earth will satisfy our longing for home completely. How can we use this longing for a true home as an opening to talk with unbelievers about the gospel?
- What is the significance of Jesus' claim in verse 2 that this house has "many rooms"?
 - Wesley said the point here is not that Jesus wants to give us a tour, but that He wants us to know that there is enough room for us. Why do you think Jesus wanted to assure us that there is room for us?
- Thomas appears confused in verse 5. What do you think is keeping him from understanding what Jesus is saying?
 - Wesley said that Thomas wants to be in the driver's seat of his salvation, but Jesus' response in verse 6 closes that possibility entirely. What does Jesus mean when He says that He is the way, the truth, and the life, and that no comes to the Father except through Him?
 - Why is it important to affirm Jesus as the exclusive source, means, and cause of salvation?
 - Exclusivity is generally considered a bad thing in our culture; what makes Jesus' exclusive message good news, actually?

- How does understanding Jesus as “the way, the truth, and the life” influence your daily decisions and priorities?
- Wesley also taught that this verse shows that in a chaotic world, Jesus is the only way to live a purposeful life. How does seeing Jesus as “the way, the truth, and the life” lead to purpose?
- How does purpose in anything else pale in comparison to purpose rooted in Jesus?
- In verse 8, another disciple appears confused. What is tripping Philip up? How does Jesus respond?
 - Wesley mentioned that there is a warning in Jesus’ response against spiritual stagnation. How do we make sure that our relationship with God does not grow stale and stagnant?
 - How can we ensure that we do not become so used to Jesus that we miss His power in our life?
- Verses 12-14 are deeply encouraging and empowering. What does Jesus seem to be saying here?
 - How does verses 13 and 14 shape our thinking about prayer?
 - How do we pray expectantly, in faith, as this passage and James 5 indicate that we should? What are some obstacles that can keep us from praying with this kind of faith?
 - When are times when you have seen God move through prayer?
 - Jesus does add a caveat: we should pray in such a way that the Father is glorified in the Son. How does this shape how we think about prayer? Will God give us anything we want at any time?
 - How do we pray in such a way that we are focused on God’s glory?
- The back half of the chapter (verses 15-31) is about the Holy Spirit. How does Jesus describe the Holy Spirit in this chapter? What practical steps can you take to become more aware of and responsive to the Holy Spirit’s guidance and comfort?