

Discussion Guide | John 14:1-14

Gathering Question:

What is one way you've experienced God in your life this week?

Gathering Prayer

Father, by Your Spirit, would You guide us into all truth. Help us to hear and be attentive to Your voice as we work through this study. In the name of Jesus, Your Son, we pray, Amen.

Opening Questions

- What stood out to you in the sermon?
- What insights did you gain?
- What questions did it raise?

Read John 14:1-14

The Comfort: In my Father's house are many rooms."

- A more literal translation: in my Father's house are many "abodes." Reflect on the importance of the abode/abide theme in John (i.e., John 6:56, 8:31, 15:4). How does this connection change or deepen your understanding of heaven?
- What difference does it make to think of heaven primarily as being with God (abide) rather than getting things (mansions)?
- How does belonging to God's family bring peace to our troubled hearts?

The Question: How do we get this?

- Thomas asks: "How can we know the way?" What do you think he expected to hear?
- What are the ways people often think are the ways to peace for our troubled hearts?

The Challenge: I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

- Jesus says, "No one comes to the Father except through me." What emotions or reactions does that statement bring up for you?
- Modern values assume every way/road/path is valid. This puts the pressure for peace, for happiness, for joy on us. Where do you see pressure in your life to depend primarily on yourself?
- How have you experienced Jesus as the Only Road as good news?

Closing Prayer