

Tranquil Words for Troubled Hearts

John 14:1-13

CONNECTING

1. Welcome and opening prayer.
2. Introduce any guests.
3. Who or what is most comforting to you when you are upset?



LOVING ONE ANOTHER (Deepening Spiritual Growth)



1. Read John 14:1-13. What had Jesus said in John 13 to cause his disciples to have "troubled" hearts (John 14:1)?
2. Where did Jesus say He was going? (14:2) And what assurance did Jesus give His disciples that what He said was true? (14:2)
3. What did Jesus say He was going to do in His Father's house? (14:2-3)

Rooms (14:2). The KJV says "mansions" after the Latin *mansiones*, which means "lodging-places." The Greek word implies "permanent residences."

In my name (14:13-14, 26; 15:16; 16:23-24, 26). Jesus uses this phrase seven times in this discourse. He is not talking about simply using His name as a formula tacked onto a request. (Recall the significance of "name" from the note on 1:12.) Rather, He "means that prayer is to be in accordance with all that the name stands for" prayer must proceed from faith in Christ and be consistent with His character, His priorities, and His mission.

4. In your opinion, how would the promises Jesus makes in John 14:1-4 bring comfort to his disciples?
5. How does it make you feel to know that Jesus is preparing a place for you in His Father's house?
6. After being with Jesus for over three years, what have both Thomas and Phillip failed to realize about him (John 14:5-14)?
7. How do you usually handle worries that trouble you? Why is it sometimes hard to trust God with our problems?
8. In light of John 14:5-14, why is it crucial for our focus to be on Jesus himself?

9. What troubles do you need to entrust to God today?

10. In what way is Jesus preparing you to be with Him? What can you do today to prepare yourself for an eternity with Jesus?

SEEKING GOD (Drawing Near to God)



1. Conversational prayer is a very effective way to pray in a small group. It is a prayer that unites people in conversation with God and with each other. Like normal conversations, anyone can speak (pray) as many times as they wish and several people will often pray in agreement for the same request. (Begin your time by praising God for who He is and what He has done.)

2. Consider praying an application prayer, "Lord, help me to do _____(what you have show me during this study)?"

SHARING CHRIST (Declaring the Good News)



1. During the past month, how have you sought to build relationships with those on your Prayer, Care and Share in order to direct them toward a personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

2. What activities might we do as a group or with another ministry of our church in order to reach out to our unsaved friends?

SERVING OTHERS (Demonstrating God's Love)



1. God has called us to serve one another within the church and together to serve those within the community. What effect does it have when Christians demonstrate God's love through simple but tangible acts of service to those who do not yet know Jesus Christ personally?
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