



JOHN CHAPTER 14 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- **How do you handle great news? How do you handle bad news?**
- **Opening Prayer**
 - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Tell the Story

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

Read the Story (John 14:1-31)

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.

John 14:1-7

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John 14:8-14

- How do you and I at times miss the work of the Father and how is this connected to our relationship with Jesus?

- Many times, our eyes, hearts, and minds may be focused on countless other places rather than being focused on Jesus. We can be focused on our circumstances, ourselves, and others and while none of these may be inherently bad, the reality is that none of these give us an accurate understanding of who God is. It is only when we choose to focus on who Jesus is that I begin to see the Father for who He is.

- Pause for a minute as a group and take that minute to think about the implications of what Jesus says to His disciples in verse 12 and by extension what He says to us today. “Greater works than these you will do.” What in the world does Jesus mean?

- Jesus doesn’t mean that we are going to do more “sensational” things than He did. However, the magnitude of what we will be able to do as disciples of Jesus with His Holy Spirit living within us will have a far greater reach than what He was able to do in living on this earth for 3.5 years.

- Do you believe this and if so, how do you intentionally live this beautiful and earth-shattering reality out daily?
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John 14:15-31

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- Why does Jesus connect loving Him to obeying what He says? Do you think we as disciples take this seriously today? Why or why not?
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Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?

- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time
- Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week (John Chapter 15)



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