

A BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION ON JESUS' TEACHING IN JOHN 14

This is an incredible chapter where Jesus describes himself in relation to His Father and some of His Father's attributes. Just like his disciples, we may find some of it hard to understand and other things really helpful to us. **You'll see that the disciples interrupt Jesus and ask him questions because they are just like us - on a learning journey!**

Before we begin reading any part of the Bible, there is a very important step to take.

Firstly, ask Holy Spirit to help you with this. You could pray something like this...

'Holy Spirit, please help me now as I read your word - The Bible.. Help me to understand and see some things I have never understood or seen before. I know that you reveal all truth to me and I would love to know more. Open up my heart and mind to God's word right now. Amen'

It's good to pray something like this every time you are reading the bible. **It's one of the Holy Spirit's roles, to reveal the truth of God's word to us and bring understanding.**

- Be prepared to highlight some words or phrases that mean something to you,
- Put a question mark on anything you find hard to understand and if you do find some meaning and revelation (something new that you've never understood or seen before), make a note of it. If you don't like to write things in a bible, keep a journal handy or voice record things, anything that will help you keep a record of your study.
- When you feel you've come to an end of any study, remember to thank Holy Spirit for anything he has revealed.

John 14 can be printed out from our resource page or looked at on-line, group members can highlight, take notes, read in their own time etc.

To use as an extra resource for our group on John 14 (whole chapter)

Read the whole chapter (passage/verse) together.

Discussions, bible studies, thoughts and ideas around any bible passage or verse someone would like to look at. Have a go at all of them or just pick a few out.

- **Context and background.** Always look at chapters and verses around what you are reading. **When & where did this conversation take place?**
- **Find a key word or phrase that stands out to you.** Meditate on those words for a moment or two. What does it mean personally to you? What stands out? What thoughts enter your mind when you consider this phrase? Write these down. Share together.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness...

2 Timothy 3 v 16

- Find some teaching. Find a rebuke (godly telling off), a correction (Fatherly discipline), training in righteousness (transformation - becoming more like Jesus).
- **Discovery Bible Study**

Take a story, verse or a phrase - retell it or explain it in your own words.

What does it tell us about God as our Father?

What does it tell us about others and ourselves?

How should I respond to this? **'I will.....:**

Who else needs to hear this? Who can I share this with?

- **What is and isn't easy to understand in this passage?** Group to discuss and help with this.
- **Would this teaching be radical and difficult for the disciples to understand? Why? Is it radical for us?**

Radical means: thorough - fundamental - changes at root level - structural changes - deep and complete change.

- **Thank Holy Spirit for his guidance through this awesome bible study.**

Enjoy!