



DISCIPLESHIP GROUP STUDY

WEEK 7: JOHN 14-16

WARM UP

- To what extent have you felt the following over the past week (from 0 = not at all, to 10 = the max):
 - Fear
 - Fatigue
 - Anger
 - Motivation
 - Alone
 - Hope
 - Confusion
 - Excitement
 - Concern
 - Peace

STUDY

Leading up to chapter 14, Jesus has given his disciples a series of bad news: he is soon going to die, one of them (Judas) is going to betray him, Peter is going to deny him. They are in shock and confused (sound familiar?).

1) Read John 14:1-4. Jesus comforts his disciples with a PROMISE of hope and eternal security! What comfort do these words give to you? What other promises of God in the Bible can you hold on to in uncertain times?

2) Read John 14:5-11. Jesus comforts his disciples with his PERSON (i.e. you know me and my Father). What comfort do you find in Christianity not being about an idea or philosophy, but about a person (God himself)? Are you making the most of “knowing” him?

3) Read John 14:12-14. Jesus comforts his disciples with his POWER. Christians for the past 2,000 years have wrestled with these words. How do you understand them? What has your experience been of them? What faithful action do they call you to pursue?

4) Read John 14:15-24. Finally, Jesus comforts his disciples with his continued PRESENCE! The Holy Spirit, the most comforting gift of all. God is with you... what difference does that make in your life? What difference does that make to you right now, in this situation?

5) Read John 14:25-31. Describe the peace of Jesus. How is this different from a worldly ‘peace’?

BONUS

6) Read John 15:1-8. What does it mean to “remain” in Jesus? Are you remaining in him in your life now?

7) Read John 15:9-17. Jesus has commanded us to love each other! What does that look like practically as this outbreak (and responses to it) continue to play out?

BRING IT HOME

Read John 16:32-33. Woah, right?! Speak out loud to each other sentences that begin with “I take heart, because...” Then thank Jesus for overcoming the world!