

John 14

1 "Don't let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? 3 If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself, so that where I am you may be also. 4 You know the way to where I am going.",

5 "Lord," Thomas said, "we don't know where you're going. How can we know the way?"

6 Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you know me, you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

8 "Lord," said Philip, "show us the Father, and that's enough for us."

9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been among you all this time and you do not know me, Philip? The one who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who lives in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Otherwise, believe because of the works themselves.

12 "Truly I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do. And he will do even greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.,

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commands. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you forever. 17 He is the Spirit of truth. The world is unable to receive him because it doesn't see him or know him. But you do know him, because he remains with you and will be in you.

18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you. 21 The one who has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I also will love him and will reveal myself to him."

22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it you're going to reveal yourself to us and not to the world?"

23 Jesus answered, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. 24 The one who doesn't love me will not keep my words. The word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

25 "I have spoken these things to you while I remain with you. 26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you.

27 "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Don't let your heart be troubled or fearful. 28 You have heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. 29 I have told you now before it happens so that when it does happen you may believe. 30 I will not talk with you much longer, because the ruler of the world is coming. He has no power over me., 31 On the contrary, so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do as the Father commanded me.

"Get up; let's leave this place.

What is the theme of John 14?

- Why was it a revolutionary idea for Jesus to claim the disciples could “know” and had “seen” the Father?
- Why is it essential for Christians to understand verses 18-26?
- How have you received “peace” as a follower of Jesus? (Verse 27)

Psalm 115

1 Not to us, LORD, not to us,
but to your name give glory
because of your faithful love, because of your truth.

2 Why should the nations say,
“Where is their God?”

3 Our God is in heaven
and does whatever he pleases.

4 Their idols are silver and gold,
made by human hands.

5 They have mouths but cannot speak,
eyes, but cannot see.

6 They have ears but cannot hear,
noses, but cannot smell.

7 They have hands but cannot feel,
feet, but cannot walk.
They cannot make a sound with their throats.

8 Those who make them are just like them,
as are all who trust in them.

9 Israel, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and shield.

10 House of Aaron, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and shield.

11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and shield.

12 The LORD remembers us and will bless us.
He will bless the house of Israel;
he will bless the house of Aaron;

13 he will bless those who fear the LORD—
small and great alike.

14 May the LORD add to your numbers,
both yours and your children’s.

15 May you be blessed by the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

16 The heavens are the LORD’s,
but the earth he has given to the human race.

17 It is not the dead who praise the LORD,
nor any of those descending into the silence of death.

18 But we will bless the LORD,
both now and forever.
Hallelujah!

- How would you respond to the question, “Where is your God?”
- How does God compare to idols? Compare this idea with John 14:6.
- In what sense do you become what you worship?

As a table, go around and finish this sentence, “**God deserves the credit for saving me because...**” With each praise, everyone at the table say, “**You are our help and shield!**” (Found in verses 9-11.)