

# HOMework

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COME AND SEE | BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATERS

JOHN 14

**Note to Leaders:** Every group is different, please choose the questions that relate best to your particular group from each section below.

## WORK AHEAD | HOW CAN I COME PREPARED FOR MY GROUP?

1. Read John 14 in one sitting.
2. Take note of how Jesus describes who He IS and what He DOES. It may be helpful to make a list.
3. Look over your message notes. What was surprising or insightful? What questions were raised?
4. If time allows, look ahead at the "Digging In" section and think through how you would contribute to your group discussion.

## FOR STARTERS | THOUGHTS TO GET US ON THE SAME PAGE

1. What "troubled" you as a child? Teen? Adult? Where did/are you finding answers in each of those seasons of life?
2. What are some things that are troubling Americans right now? Where is our society turning for answers and comfort?

## DIGGING IN | DISCOVERING WHAT GOD SAYS IN SCRIPTURE

1. When your heart is troubled.
  - a. Skim over chapter 13. What is happening in the hearts of Jesus' disciples? How are they feeling in this setting? In John 14:1, how do Jesus' words strike you as you think about the emotional context of this text?
  - b. The Psalms show God's posture toward us in the many ways we are "troubled." Take a look at these. Which of these troubles resonate with you? How do these truths about God comfort strengthen and convict you?
    - Oppression of the Poor (Psalm 12:5)

- The Fear of Death (Psalm 23:4)
- Slander (Psalm 101:5)
- Loneliness (Psalm 142:4)
- Feeling Abandoned by God (Psalm 13:1-2)
- Sickness and Pain (Psalm 6:2-4)
- Political Injustice (Psalm 82:2, 8)
- Shame and Guilt (Psalm 51:9-10)

## 2. The “ologies” of Jesus in John 14.

a. John 14 is a dense forest of profound theological truths that transforms the way we live today. Look at one or two of the great “trees” together. Why do they matter to us right now?

- The Second Coming – *Jesus will return to make all things new* (John 14:2-3 and 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
- The Resurrection – *Jesus has victory over death* (John 14:18-20 and 1 Corinthians 15:13-14)
- The Incarnation – *Jesus is God in the flesh* (John 14:8-11 and Hebrews 1:3)
- The Trinity – *God is, in Himself a community of holy love* (John 14:15-17 and 2 Corinthians 13:14)
- Soteriology – *Salvation is found in Jesus, alone* (John 14:5-6 and Acts 4:12)
- Christus Victor – *Jesus has crushed the enemy who wants to crush us* (John 14:30 and Colossians 2:15)

## BRINGING IT HOME | APPLYING WHAT WE’VE LEARNED

### Personal Reflection

1. Where are you turning for security when you’re troubled? Think about your routines. Are you using work, your phone, news, books, video games, etc., to do what Jesus can do? What would it look like to lean on Jesus more this week?

### Group Application

1. Pray together as a group and take turns naming your “trouble.” Invite Jesus to be your “bridge over troubled waters.”

## DIGGING DEEPER | IDEAS TO KEEP GROWING DURING THE WEEK

1. This week spend some time reading and meditating on Colossians 2:9-15. Let the truth about Jesus strengthen and comfort you in your troubles.