



Week 22

Discussion Questions

Text: John 14:1-14

Icebreaker: What do you think heaven will be like?

1. Read this week's passage. What stands out from the text or sermon?
2. What is the cause of the disciple's troubled hearts?
3. What troubles your heart?
4. Jesus urges the disciples to believe as a reassurance to their troubled hearts. What is it that Jesus wants them to believe?
5. How does Jesus' reassurance to the disciples bring us reassurance in our own troubles?
6. Jesus tells the disciples the place he is going to prepare is "his Father's house." Jesus used this label before in John 2:16 when talking about the temple. What was the purpose of the temple?
7. What connection exists between the temple and heaven? (Reference: Genesis 3:8; Exodus 25:8-9; Isaiah 57:15; John 1:14; Hebrews 9:24; Hebrews 10:19-25; Revelation 21:1-4).
8. How does comparing the temple and heaven change or shape your picture of heaven (the place Jesus is going to prepare)?
9. At this point in our study of John, Jesus' emphasis on belief and equating himself with the Father may seem redundant (Hasn't he said this over and over?). Jesus reiterates his point over and over because the disciples still fail to get it. How does the disciples' struggle to comprehend Jesus' words resonate with your own spiritual struggles?
10. It is very common for Christians to end their prayers with the phrase, "in Jesus' name, Amen." This language comes from John 14:14, when Jesus tells his disciples that he will do anything they ask in his name. This is obviously not a "blank check" promise from Jesus, otherwise every one of our faithful prayers would be answered the way we want them answered. What does Jesus mean when he says he will answer every prayer asked in his name?