



Week Eight: John 14:1-14

“The Way, the Truth, the Life”

Study Guide for the week of
October 31, 2021

Read John 14:1-4. Some questions to answer and discuss:

1. In what way do you sometimes feel that this world is not your home?
2. How didn't Jesus want His disciples to respond to His departure? ([14:1](#))
3. What is in God's house? ([14:2](#))
4. What did Jesus tell His disciples that He would do for them? ([14:3](#))
5. How does it make you feel to know that Jesus is preparing a place for you in His Father's house?
6. How are you preparing to be with Jesus?
7. What can you do today to prepare yourself for an eternity with Jesus?

Life Application Bible Notes

[14:1-3](#) Jesus' words show that the way to eternal life, though unseen, is secure—as secure as your trust in Jesus. He has already prepared the way to eternal life. The only issue that may still be unsettled is your willingness to believe.

[14:2-3](#) There are few verses in Scripture that describe eternal life, but these few verses are rich with promises. Here Jesus says, "I am going to prepare a place for you," and "I will come and get you." We can look forward to eternal life because Jesus has promised it to all who believe in him. Although the details of eternity are unknown, we need not fear because Jesus is preparing for us and will spend eternity with us.

Read John 14:5-14. Some questions to answer and discuss:

1. In what ways do you resemble your parents?
2. What did Jesus tell Thomas that He was? ([14:6](#))
3. What did Jesus ask Philip in response to Philip's request to be shown the Father? ([14:9](#))
4. What evidence did Jesus use to prove that He is in the Father and the Father is in Him? ([14:11](#))
5. In what way is faith in Jesus Christ exclusive or narrow?
6. How is Jesus the way, the truth, and the life in your life?
7. Whom do you need to tell about the way Jesus offers a relationship with God?

Life Application Bible Notes

[14:5, 6](#) This is one of the most basic and important passages in Scripture. How can we know the way to God? Only through Jesus. Jesus is the way because he is both God and man. By uniting our lives with his, we are united with God. Trust Jesus to take you to the Father, and all the benefits of being God's child will be yours.

[14:6](#) Jesus says he is the *only* way to God the Father. Some people may argue that this way is too narrow. In reality, it is wide enough for the whole world, if the world chooses to accept it. Instead of worrying about how limited it sounds to have only one way, we should be saying, "Thank you, God, for providing a sure way to get to you!"

[14:6](#) As the *way*, Jesus is our path to the Father. As the *truth*, he is the reality of all God's promises. As the *life*, he joins his divine life to ours, both now and eternally. Jesus is, in truth, the only living way to the Father.

[14:9](#) Jesus is the visible, tangible image of the invisible God. He is the complete revelation of what God is like. Jesus explained to Philip, who wanted to see the Father, that to know Jesus is to know God. The search for God, for truth and reality, ends in Christ. (See also [Colossians 1:15](#); [Hebrews 1:1-4](#).)

[14:12, 13](#) Jesus is not saying that his disciples would do greater works—after all, raising the dead is about as amazing as you can get. Rather, the disciples, working in the power of the Holy Spirit, would carry the Good News of God's Kingdom out of Palestine and into the whole world.

[14:14](#) When Jesus says we can ask for anything, we must remember that our asking must be in his name—that is, according to God's character and will. God will not grant requests contrary to his nature or his will, and we cannot use his name as a magic formula to fulfill our selfish desires. If we are sincerely following God and seeking to do his will, then our requests will be in line with what he wants, and he will grant them. (See also [15:16](#); [16:23](#).)

Prayer Points:

1. Pray that Jesus would return soon so that we can experience the final union of heaven and earth. Pray that we would remain faithful to Jesus until that day.
2. Pray for opportunities to share the hope of Jesus with those who don't know him, even those who are opposed to the idea of "exclusivity."

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