

SHARE FROM YOUR EXPERIENCE

When was a difficult time for you when someone was going away?

JESUS MESSAGE ABOUT HIS GOING AWAY

Note: This passage summarizes what Jesus' disciples should understand about Him from their years of being with Him. Jesus appeals to three aspects: His character (how He has lived), His words (what He has revealed), and His works (His miracles and acts of love). In this intimate time before the cross, Jesus prepares and encourages His disciples. Read John 14:1-14 and consider a few questions.

Jesus had repeatedly spoken of his upcoming betrayal and death. What did Jesus now say that alarmed the disciples? (13:33, 36)

What would you say was Jesus aim with His disciples? (14:1-3) What was Jesus feeling at this time? (12:27; 13:21)

Why was Jesus going away? What would happen because Jesus was going to the Father?

What was Jesus' destination? What does he want for our final destination? How did Jesus say that they could reach this destination? (14:2-3, 6 and 1 Peter 3:18; Revelation 21:3)

How was/is Jesus the "way" to the Father?

How was/is Jesus the "truth" that we need to reach the Father?

How was/is Jesus the “life” that we need?

How many times do the words, “faith, believe, trust, or ask” occur? How are these connected? What were they to believe?

What was Jesus appeal for the disciples to believe and trust?

What does Jesus want them to understand about Himself and the Father?

DISCUSS TOGETHER

Much has been said about Jesus exclusive claim to be the only way to the Father. What would the disciples (or us) know that would back up that claim? And why did Jesus say that? (See also 1 Peter 3:18)

How do you see Jesus’ love in this part of their conversation / evening together?

Jesus made a striking promise in verse 12. How could this possibly be true?

PRAYER NEEDS

- Please pray for our High-Schoolers and the search for a new pastor
- Please pray for Young Adult ministry as they restart this semester
- Please pray for our Elders as they pray and shepherd