

LIFE Group Guide  
Returning  
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John 14:1-14



**Prayer Request:** Praise the Father for sending his Son that we might believe. Thank the Son for showing us the Father. Ask the Holy Spirit to purify us that we might do the works that Jesus did.

**Icebreaker:** When have you had to wait for something you were eagerly anticipating?

**Read John 14:1-14:**

**14** “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup> “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

**Sermon Outline:**

The Context: Broken Trust (Mark 10:45, John 13:21, 37)

1. There is a Savior you can trust (John 14:1)
2. There is a promise you can believe (John 14:2)
3. There is a future you can anticipate (John 14:3)

1. Trust the Savior
2. Believe the promise
3. Live with joyful hope

**Discussion Questions:**

1. As you heard the word of God preached or read, what did the Holy Spirit remind you of, challenge you with, convict you of, or encourage you in? Did you have any questions or was anything unclear?
2. Read John 14:1-14. What does Jesus promise his disciples, and us? Why are these promises a sort of joy?
3. Try to put yourself in the shoes of the disciples at the Last Supper. Which piece of bad news would have been most troubling to you? Why?
4. Has your trust ever been broken? What was that like?
5. Can you think of a time when you felt like you were in the dark and you had to lean into all that you knew about Jesus?
6. What is your reaction to Jesus's words in John 14:2?
7. Where do you see God's unfinished work, and most need to apply Jesus' words: *Do not let your heart be troubled?*
8. Why is Jesus's future return a comfort to us during times of trouble?

**Prayer:** Our Father, we thank you for the work of the Son, who has gone to prepare a place for us, through his costly service at the cross, his victorious resurrection, and his ascension to your right hand. We thank you that he will return and we will be brought into the new heavens and the new earth, where there will no longer be anything accursed, but your throne will be there, and we your servants will worship you. We will see your face, and your name will be on our foreheads. And night will be no more. We will not need the light of lamp or sun, for you, Lord God, will be our light, and we will reign forever and ever. You are worthy of all of our praise! (*Adapted from Revelation 22:1-5*).