

## Small Group Questions

In this passage, Jesus lays the basic foundation for how to live the Christian life in Jesus' physical absence.

1. Why, on the eve of Christ's death, would he say that both he and God are going to be glorified? What perspective must he have had in order to see this as such a positive thing? How is his glory the central theme of our faith?
2. What is Jesus' supreme command to his followers? (13:34) What would it look like for this to be the distinguishing characteristic for you and me as followers of Christ?
3. How is your personal relationship with Christ supported by the community of believers around you? How does following Christ as a community of believers, rather than just as individuals, break down barriers between Christians? How can it create barriers if we do not truly love?
4. What makes it hard for you to trust someone? Why is it sometimes hard to trust God with our problems? In what areas does Jesus ask us to trust him? How is trust in Jesus important for today? What about eternity?
5. Does Jesus' claim in verse six seem audacious? What are we to make of someone who makes such a claim? What other ways have you tried?
6. How does Jesus describe his relationship with the Father? (14:9-11) If God, living in Jesus, was the source of his strength, how will Jesus, living in us, be the source of ours? What does Jesus expect the outcome to be? (14:12)
7. How does Jesus offer prayer as a resource in his plan for us to do great things? (14:13-14) What specific steps can you take to develop your prayer life?

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## Devotional Guide

### Monday – Read John 13:31-35

*“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” John 13:34*

What would it look like for you to love other people as Jesus loves them? What does his love look like? How can you love someone in that same way today?

### Tuesday – Read John 13:36-38

*Peter said, “I will lay down my life for you.” Jesus answered, “Will you really lay down your life for me?” John 13:38*

Ouch—that hurts. How would you describe your commitment to Jesus? It really doesn't matter what it looks like to others. What does it look like to him? Talk to him about your relationship with him right now in prayer. Ask him to make your relationship what he wants it to be.

### Wednesday – Read John 14:1-4

*“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.” John 14:1*

What troubles your heart? How would trusting Jesus help in that area of your life? Tell Jesus what's on your heart and allow his peace to replace your anxiety. For additional insights in this area, read 1 Peter 5:7 and Philippians 4:7.

### Thursday - Read John 14:5-7

*Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6*

Our ultimate purpose is to be with the Father. What avenues, other than Jesus, have you tried to find fulfillment? Think through what it would look like for Jesus to be the way, the truth, and the life in your life?

### Friday - Read John 14:8-14

*Jesus said, “The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.” John 14:10*

In the same way the Father was doing his work through Jesus, Jesus wants to do his work through you—yes you. How does that make you feel? What keeps this from happening more effectively in your life? Pray right now and ask him to remove any barriers to the relationship he wants to have with you and the work he wants to do through you.