GOING TO THE HEAVENLY FATHER DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

JOHN 14:1-14

Sermon Outline and Notes for Meditation:

		Everyone wants to to the Father in heaven.			
		But almost no one	the Father in heaven.		
		The only way to to the	e Father in heaven and	the Father in heaven is through the	who came to earth.
1	Wh hea	That do you think of this stateme earts experience anxiety? Where	ent: "What you gaze at, you will b e did Jesus redirect their gaze? Wl	e controlled by?" What were the disciple nat comes to mind when you think of he	es gazing at that made their eaven? What will heaven be like?
	•	a. Does the thought of heaven a helped you weather in your life?		ou to weather the storms of life? What sto	rms has the future hope of heaven
	Q	b. How can you use the future h difficulty? What are some passo	ope of heaven to encourage people ages that reflect these types of enco	in your small group or church as they go uraging thoughts of heaven?	through times of trial and
		c. For non-Christians who do not these anchors ultimately help?	ot believe in heaven, what things (do they hold onto as anchors when the sto	orms of life overwhelm them? Do
	O _s	d. Statistics tell us that people a you use the future hope of hear	are most open to the message of Je wen to reach out to people who are	sus and his love for them when they go the going through crisis? Have you ever done	nrough times of crisis. How can e this?
2		ead John 14:1-6. Why does Jesus ng them that might give them rea		earts be troubled? Read John 13:21, 33, 3	6-38. What has Jesus been tell-
		a. What does Jesus tell his discip	oles to do in John 13:1, in order to fig	tht the urge to be troubled?	
		b. How does believing in God an	nd his Son Jesus give the disciples p	eace as they face the difficulty that is abou	ut to come upon them?
	•	c. How can this same belief in Je	sus give you peace in your storms?		

3	How does Jesus describe his "Father's house" in this passage? What does God's house represent for the Christian?				
	a. How does this statement from Jesus serve as an anchor of hope to help the disciples through what is about to take place in their lives as Jesus is arrested and crucified in the coming hours?				
	b. Does the thought that there are lots of rooms in heaven give you hope? How does the idea that there is room for you to dwell with God forever give you peace in your life today?				
4	When Jesus talks about going away to prepare a place, what does he add to his promise about his return and how that will impact his followers?				
	a. Read John 14:3. How many times had Jesus talked about going away? Read John 7:33-34; 8:21; 13:33 & 36. What had Jesus always said about being able to follow him each time he talked about going away?				
	b. Read 1 John 3:2 & 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. What does Jesus finally reveal about his intention for this followers in this verse? What do all Christians look forward to at the end of time?				
	 c. How do these words of Jesus give you hope and provide an anchor in your storm? For people with cancer, or depression, or relationship problems, or any kind of struggle, what is Jesus' message to them? Does this give you strength and hope? PRAYER REQUESTS				
5	Read John 14:6. What does Jesus mean that he is the way, the truth and the life? What does Jesus reveal in this statement about being the "I Am?"				
	α. How many ways are there to get to the Father? Doesn't Jesus seem narrow-minded? What does Jesus' statement say to those who think there are multiple ways to get to heaven and have a relationship with God? ———————————————————————————————————				
	b. Is faith enough to save you? Would Jesus say that faith in the Father was enough to save you? What are Scriptures that make it very clear that you must believe in Jesus in order to be saved from the punishment of your sins?				