

Women's Bible Study

John 14:1-31

1. Referring back to the previous chapter, what disturbing news does Jesus share with the disciples in John 13:33? Why can't the disciples follow Jesus? Jesus reassures them in 14:1 to "Trust in God. Trust also in me." Refer to John 3:15 and describe in your own words what that means.

2. What information can we uncover about the disciples' understanding of what Jesus is talking about in verses 1-4? Look at Thomas and Philip's questions.

3. In verse 6 Jesus describes himself as "the way and the truth and the life." In light of this verse and Hebrews 10:19-23, explain in your own words why Jesus is the only way by which we can come to the Father.

4. In verse 21, Jesus points out that those who love him obey him. The two go hand in hand. Review verses 15-24 and list some of the specifics about the relationship between our love and obedience to Jesus and his love and presence in our lives. Refer to Ephesians 2:8 and consider: how are faith and obedience different from legalism (trying to earn Christ's love and presence through our good works)?

5. In verse 13, Jesus tells us that "You can ask for anything in my name and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father". In the same way that Thomas came before Jesus with his questions, you have the freedom to come before our Heavenly Father with yours. Are there any questions you have about this passage that you would like to share with your small group?

