

Men's Sunday Night Live
Lesson 14 - John 14:1-31
Finding Identity and Purpose
Heart Trouble

Why were the disciples' hearts troubled? Christ had told them He was leaving them, that one of them was a traitor, and that Peter would fail Him. This undoubtedly disturbed them all, for they looked to Peter as their leader. In this chapter, Christ sought to comfort the Twelve and quiet their troubled hearts.

Jesus speaks of heaven as a real place, not merely as a state of mind. He pictured heaven as a loving home where the Father dwells. Jesus is building a heavenly home for all who have trusted Him. While He was with the disciples, Jesus supplied their needs. Now that He was returning to heaven, He gives them the privilege of prayer. He promises to answer prayer that the Father might be glorified.

Jesus has much to say about the Spirit in these next chapters. Here He calls Him "*the Comforter*," (The One standing alongside to help you). The Spirit living within the disciples would take the place of the Savior living beside the disciples. He is also called "*the Spirit of Truth*." The Spirit uses the Word to convict sinners and to direct saints.

There is much discussion over what Christ means when He says, "*I will come to you*." This statement probably includes several things: Christ's coming to the apostles after His resurrection; His coming to them in the Person of the Spirit; and His future coming to take them to heaven.

In vs. 21–26, Jesus speaks of a deeper relationship the disciples will have with the Father and the Son through the Spirit. The Christian who spends time learning the Word, then goes out to live the Word, will enjoy a close, satisfying communion with the Father and the Son.

The peace that Christ gives is not that of the world, nor does He give it the way the world gives. The world's peace is shallow, unsatisfying, and temporary, while Christ's peace rests deep in the heart, is always satisfying, and will abide forever.

By dying on the cross and going back to heaven, Jesus defeated Satan, who is the author of confusion. The cross is proof of His love for the Father. He died because the Father commanded it, and Christ came to do the Father's will.

Read John Chapter 14 and answer the following questions

1. Why did Jesus say, “*Let not your heart be troubled*”? What was bothering the disciples?

2. List at least 3 things Jesus told His disciples to calm their troubled hearts? (See 14:2-4)

3. What does it mean when we say that Jesus is:
 - a. The Way? (See 14:6)

 - b. The Truth? (See 14:6)

 - c. The Life? (See 14:6)

4. How does knowing that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life affect your actions and attitude?

5. What does Philip’s question in 14:8 tell you about him?

6. What do you think are the “Greater things the disciples will do”? (See 14:12)

7. Does John 14:14 mean that Jesus will do anything we ask as long as we pray in His name? What is the proper meaning of this?

8. Who did Jesus promise He would send? What is the purpose of the Holy Spirit’s work in our lives? (See 14:16-18)

9. What were the 2 things that Jesus had promised the Holy Spirit would do for the disciples? Why were these 2 promises so important? Do they still apply to us today?

10. What blessings are available to those who love Jesus? (See 14:21)

11. What is the difference of the peace mentioned by Jesus given to His disciples, and the peace the world has to offer? (See 14:27)

12. What was Jesus about to do, and how would that show love for His Father? (See 14:31)

Peace in the Chaos of Life

John 14:25-28

We live in a turbulent world. Change is rapid and frequently dramatic. Jesus said that He alone can provide the help and peace we need to live and work with integrity and wholeness. Certainly, our work cannot be depended on for that. No job is engaging enough, no position powerful enough, and no material rewards substantial enough to give us the kind of inner peace and confidence we long for. Only Christ will never leave us nor forsake us.