



ICE BREAKER IDEAS:

Have you ever been lost? Maybe on a road trip or on a hike? What helped you find your way back?

GOD STORIES:

Where did you see God this week? Has God answered any prayers recently? Have you noticed him challenging you and/or transforming you? Were there times this week where God came to mind? Share stories.

SCRIPTURE:

John 14:1-6* please read the **entire passage(s)** with your group.

APPLICATION:

1. Reference **John 14:1.**
 - a. What happens right before Jesus says "Let not your hearts be troubled?"
 - b. What would cause trouble in the hearts of His disciples?
 - c. How do His words after "Let not your hearts be troubled" provide comfort?
2. Reference **John 14:2.**
 - a. How does this verse provide additional comfort?
 - b. What does Jesus say in this verse to verify the reality and existence of His Father's house?
 - c. If a place must be prepared by Jesus Himself, what does that tell us about the Father's house?
3. Reference **John 14:3-4.**
 - a. No description is given of the Father's House in this passage. What is the reward of going to the Father's house according to John 14:3-4?
 - b. Why does Jesus assume that the disciples "know the way" to where He is going?
 - c. What new layer of comfort is given in verse three to the troubled disciples that is different than the comfort of verses one and two?
4. Reference **John 14:5.**
 - a. Can you relate to Thomas in this passage? Do you ever need really clear directions?
 - b. The disciples often "...show their ignorance, but never do they seem timid in his presence, or ashamed to let him see how shallow and hard of understanding they are." - C.H. Spurgeon. Does it comfort and/or encourage you that Thomas seemed comfortable asking Jesus this clarifying question?
5. Read **John 14:6.**
 - a. Discuss how Jesus is the way.
 - b. Discuss how Jesus is the truth.
 - c. Discuss how Jesus is the life.
6. In your group, talk about the following challenge that Eric issued at the end of his message:
 - a. "You are as close to God as you want to be."

PRAY TOGETHER: Pray for national and global conflict resolution.