

“There’s No Place Like Home” Group Study

Season 4: Prepare Him Room, **Week 1**

Passage: John 14:1-14

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ICEBREAKER:

Have fun with the following questions. “Would you rather”:

- Visit the North Pole or Bethlehem?
- Get many small presents or one big present?
- Meet Mary or meet Joseph?
- Wrap the presents or shop for the presents?
- Visit a real Gingerbread house or ride the *Polar Express*?

There’s No Place Like Home

John 14:1-14

The promise of an **eternal home** is hope for the **troubled heart**.

- **Accessed** through **Jesus exclusively**.
- **Secured** by **divine power**.
- **Permeated** with **everlasting love**.
- **Experienced** through **answered prayer**.

Jesus left **his home** to bring **you home**.



Learning His Way

(Every week in these studies, we will ask questions about the Scriptures that try to help us Discover the unique Way of Jesus that is found in the text.)

1. John 14:1-14 (With this short passage try multiple translations or paraphrases such as *The Message*.)
2. What are the themes within this passage? Are there any repetitive words or phrases?

3. Is it possible to know God? Read Jeremiah 9:23-24

4. Read 1 Peter 1:4, 2 Peter 1:11 and Hebrews 11:16 and discuss how these passages correspond to this section in John 14.



Forming His Heart

(This is the part of the study where we work on our own hearts. "How does my character need to grow and change because of this passage?")

5. Read John 14:3 and ponder in your life group community how Jesus shifted the place of heaven to the place with Jesus.

6. Why is it important to know God? What are the ways in which you know Him?

7. Peter, Thomas, and Peter have questions. What questions linger in your mind after reading these passages? (About the way, about hope, about heaven, etc...) Take time as a group and enjoy the safety of asking questions. Also, enjoy the safety of not knowing all the answers and waiting.



Joining His Mission

(This is the part of the study that we ask, "What would God want us to do because of this passage?")

8. What is your reaction to that Jesus is the only way to heaven? Discuss how to live this out in your everyday life.

9. In John 14:6 Jesus makes three statements about Himself. What are they and which ones are most difficult for you or for the culture you are surrounded by to believe?