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John 14:1-14 – Peace for Anxious Disciples

Small Group Questions

Pray for God's help as you turn to look at His word, to understand and respond rightly to what you'll see. Read through the passage and then discuss these questions together.

1. What causes your heart to be troubled?
 - Problems in relationships
 - Health concerns
 - The state of the world
 - Something else?
2. *Why* do you think those things trouble you? Richard suggested feeling out of control as a big factor. Does that resonate with you? Anything else you can see going on in your heart when you feel troubled?
3. Jesus' desire here is to comfort his troubled disciples (v1). Why is this particularly amazing, considering what lies ahead of Jesus and how his disciples are going to treat him? How does that make you feel about him?
4. Jesus' words about himself in v6 are both controversial and comforting...
 - i. Why do we find Jesus' statement in v6 so controversial? How might you communicate this truth to a non-Christian friend?
 - ii. Taken with v4, why is Jesus' statement in v6 so comforting? How might you reassure a troubled Christian with this truth?
5. Jesus tells his disciples that he will prepare a place for them in his Father's house (v2). Notice: Jesus doesn't ask us to earn a place for ourselves (by being good enough etc); *he* prepares a place *for us*... Why is that good news? How can remembering this secure future help you during present troubles?
6. Jesus would soon leave his disciples and no longer be physically with them. But in v3 he promises to "come back and take you to be *with me* that you also may be *where I am*" ...What do you look forward to about being *with Jesus*? Not the general benefits of heaven - what do you look forward to about being *with him*?
7. True comfort is about knowing Jesus, not about our circumstances. So, when feeling troubled, how can you press into knowing Jesus in the week ahead? (Richard suggested meditating on Jesus' words about himself in v6 by emphasising each word in turn... See if you can think of other ways in which you could press into knowing Jesus this week!)

Respond to God's word in prayer

Share any answers to prayer you've seen since you last met

Take some time to pray for each other

Our desire for small groups is that they would help us be a "people who are in the process of having their lives turned inside out and upside down by the progressive work of transforming grace."

(Taken from 'Lead' by Paul Tripp, p42)