

Small group discussion Questions

(Sunday 30th August)

Optional Icebreaker: when did you last ask for help?

Passage: John 14:1-14

Suggested Discussion Starters:

v1-4: The disciples are troubled at the thought of Jesus leaving them. He reminds them that one day they will be with Him in His Father's house.

- How much do you think about death? Does the thought of death trouble you? (encourage them to try and explain why they respond the way they do.)
- How much do eternity and heaven figure in your thinking?
- How might thinking **more** about heaven affect your life **now**?

(living with a sense of joy/peace/assurance/hope/ability to make the sacrifice now etc)

v5-7: In response to Thomas asking Jesus to show them the way to the Father, Jesus replies that He is the way and the truth and the life.

- Why do some people who are not yet Christians struggle with the idea that there is only one way to God (Jesus) and that only one religion is true?
- Can you give some examples of conversations you have had with others and how you answered them? If you haven't had any real conversations (!) how would you answer them if you did have such a conversation?

V12-14: Jesus makes an astonishing promise here about the power of prayer: whatever you ask in my name, this I will do.

- But what is the condition Jesus puts on this promise in v13? (It's in His name)
- What does it mean to pray in the name of Jesus? (not just a tag line on the end of a prayer, but our desires, wills, lives and words come in line with His. And it's focus is that the Father may be glorified)
- Why is that so challenging to us?

Suggested worship songs:

Jesus my Only Hope (I come into your presence)

My Saviour, Redeemer