



LifeGroup Discussion Packet

“How Jesus Revealed the Father”

Series: The Jesus Path

John 14:1-14

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Sermon Bonus Content

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Main Idea:

If you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus. He makes the Father visible, approachable, and knowable.

Key Verse:

“Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father!” John 14:9 (NLT)

Warm-Up Question:

Have you ever discovered that someone was very different from what you had assumed? What changed your impression of that person?

Discussion Questions

1. Read John 14:1-4. Jesus spoke about peace while His disciples were facing confusion and loss. What’s the difference between denying that your heart is troubled and trusting God in the middle of trouble?
2. Jesus promised a place in His Father’s house and said, “You will always be with Me.” Which part of that promise brings you the greatest comfort, and why?
3. Read John 14:5-6. Thomas brought his honest confusion directly to Jesus. What questions about God or faith have been difficult for you to voice? What can Thomas teach us about bringing those questions to Jesus?
4. Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” Why is His claim both exclusive and wonderfully inclusive? How would you explain this verse to someone who believes every spiritual path leads to God?

5. Read John 14:7-11. Pastor Todd said, “Jesus is God making Himself visible, approachable, and knowable.” What do Jesus’ compassion, holiness, courage, and grace reveal about the Father?
6. The message defined intimacy with God as knowing Him personally, trusting His heart, and walking closely with Him. Which of those three areas is strongest in your life today? Which one needs attention?
7. Read John 14:12-14. What does it mean to pray in Jesus’ name rather than simply adding the words “in Jesus’ name” to the end of a request? How might knowing the Father reshape what you ask Him to do?

Going Deeper

Pastor Todd said, “Don’t build your picture of God from your pain, your past, or people who misrepresented Him.” Has a painful relationship, a disappointing experience, or a religious environment distorted the way you see God? Without sharing more than you are comfortable sharing, what would it look like to allow Jesus to redraw that picture?

Next Step

For the next seven days, spend ten minutes reading one section from one of the Gospels. Before you begin, pray, “Jesus, show me what the Father is like.” Write down one truth the passage reveals about God. At the end of the week, share one discovery with your LifeGroup or with someone who needs to know that God can be known.

Did You Know

- A promise spoken under pressure. John 14 was delivered on the night before the crucifixion, after Judas had departed and after Jesus predicted Peter’s denial. These words about peace were not spoken from a comfortable distance. They came from the shadow of the cross.
- Jesus understood a troubled heart. The Greek verb translated “troubled” in John 14:1 is also used when Jesus stood before Lazarus’s tomb, contemplated the cross, and announced His betrayal (John 11:33; 12:27; 13:21). Feeling troubled is not a failure of faith. Jesus calls us to trust Him within it.
- “Mansions” originally meant dwelling places. The Greek word *monē* means an abiding or permanent dwelling. It occurs only twice in the New Testament, both in John 14. In verse 2,

believers have a dwelling in the Father's house; in verse 23, the Father and Son make their home with the believer. The emphasis is belonging, not heavenly real estate.

- This is one of John's great "I am" declarations. John 14:6 is commonly counted as the sixth of seven familiar images in which Jesus declares, "I am"... the bread, the light, the door, the Good Shepherd, the resurrection and the life, the way and the truth and the life, and the true vine.
- "In My name" is not a spiritual password. In the ancient world, acting in someone's name meant representing that person's authority and purposes. Prayer in Jesus' name seeks what reflects His character and brings glory to the Father. It is not a polite way to make God sign our wish list.

Sermon Bonus Content

Jerusalem at Passover was a city under pressure. Pilgrims streamed in from across Judea and the wider Jewish world to remember how God had delivered Israel from slavery in Egypt. Every meal, psalm, and sacrificed lamb carried the language of freedom. Yet Rome ruled the streets. The Roman governor normally resided at Caesarea but came to Jerusalem for major festivals, when patriotic hope and public tension ran high. Additional soldiers watched from the Fortress Antonia beside the Temple complex. Israel was celebrating deliverance while Caesar's banners remained in view. You could almost hear the question beneath the celebration, "Will God deliver us again?"

Above the crowded streets, Jesus and His disciples gathered in a large, furnished upper room. Such a room was probably on the upper level of a substantial home, reached by stairs and set apart for meals, guests, and conversation. We cannot identify the original room with certainty, but the Gospel picture is vivid... below them, Jerusalem bustled with pilgrims, priests, merchants, and Roman patrols... inside, Jesus washed feet, exposed betrayal, served the Passover meal, and prepared His friends for His departure. It was hardly the setting anyone would choose for a calm farewell conversation. Then again, Jesus has never required calm surroundings to speak peace.

Against that background, "My Father's house" sounds less like a real-estate advertisement and more like an assurance of belonging. The word translated "rooms" or "dwelling places" points to permanent residence. Jesus was not promising His disciples a luxury subdivision in the clouds. He was promising that the Father's family has room for them and that their separation from Him would not be permanent.

When Jesus said He was going to "prepare a place," the preparation would lead through the cross, the empty tomb, and His return to the Father. He would open the way sinners could never open for themselves. Then He added the hope that has steadied believers for two thousand years, "I will come and get you." His return is personal, purposeful, and certain. He does not merely promise that His followers will someday reach Him. He promises that He will come for them so they may always be where He is. That is the heart of Christian hope... not simply a better place, but forever with Jesus in the Father's house.

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