

Title: Carry On**Big Idea: We are to carry on Christ's work until He returns.**

John 14:12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

1. There are greater works to do.

John 6:29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

John 4:34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work."

An important work of God is to help people trust & be united w/God.

Luke 19:10 The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*.

"In my name" means we have His access & authority, & we ask in line w/His will & character.

Jesus loves & cares about you & you can pray about anything & everything, BUT as you grow in maturity & relationship prayers change.

James 4:2 You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend *it* on your pleasures.

15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

2. There are commands to keep.

Keep means to watch over, guard, observe.

Here are 3 simple commands Christ has given...

1. Love God & others as He loved.
2. Serve as He has served.
3. Help people trust & follow Him.

16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— **17** the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

3. There is help to have.

"Another" means "of the same kind".

The word "helper" is paraclete; meaning called to one's side.

Translated: advocate, intercessor, consoler, comforter, helper.

Acts 1:4 And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” *He said*, “you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

The disciples did not pray Lord save us from trouble & make things more comfortable for us.

Ephesians 5:16 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. 17 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,

Discussion Questions

Look over these questions before your group time. Write down your answers or ideas for at least a few questions if not all. You may not get to every question during your time, but speak up if you want to talk about one of them in particular. Always try to start with question #1.

1.What stood out to you and/or what do you think God might be speaking about from this message?

2.Jesus said we would "do greater works" than these. How do you now see that including you?

3. What are practical ways we can encourage people to trust and follow Jesus more?

4. The three commands from the message are to love God and others, serve one another, and share the gospel. Which of these is most difficult to carry on. Which is easier? Why?

5. James warns that sometimes we ask with wrong motives. How do you discern whether you are aligned with God's purposes or just your own comfort or pleasure? See v. 13.

6. Why is keeping a command out of love better than keeping it out of obligation, performance, or achievement?