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John 13:35-38 John 14:1-11

Title: Change & Stability

Big Idea: Following Jesus brings stability no matter the changes.

13:36 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?"

Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward."

1. Know God does not change.

Hold loosely what can change & hold tightly what doesn't.

37 Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake." **38** Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.

Today's changes often prepare us for tomorrow's challenges.

2. Know God has a plan.

14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

3. Know God is in control.

2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

Monai means: Lodging, dwelling-place, room, abode, or mansion.

From meno which means a residence.

4 And where I go you know, and the way you know." **5** Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the father except through Me.

7 “If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.” **8** Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.” **9** Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?” **10** Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. **11** Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

4. Keep following Jesus.

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. What types of changes are easier or harder to handle in life for you? Why is that?
3. What about God’s character is most comforting or helpful to you during life’s changes?
4. What are some reasons you think it was important for Peter to know he was going to deny Jesus?
5. Are you more likely to trust the things you can do rather than what God can do? Does it have to do with control or faith?
6. What promises of God help your heart not be troubled during troubling times?