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Our mission is to help people **Come** to know Jesus as Savior, **Grow** in a relationship with Him, and **Live** their lives for Him. God loves you and we pray that during the worship service you will be able to connect with Him through song, scripture, and the message.

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Sermon Series: Living with Eternity in Mind
Sermon Title: Heaven is a Real Place
Scripture: John 14:1-6
Speaker: Pastor Kendall Harger

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Sermon Notes April 23, 2023

Heaven is a Real Place

<u>Big Idea</u>
The only way to God and Heaven is through Jesus.

John 14:1-6

"Don't let your hearts be troubled"?
Trust in God / Trust in Jesus

Heaven is not a theoretical concept or a state of mind. It is not make-believe or pretend or a figment of somebody's imagination. Just like Miami and London and Tokyo are actual places, Heaven is a real and actual place. In John 14, Jesus told the disciples that He was going to prepare a "place" for them. He wasn't going to prepare a state of mind. -Chip Ingram
We think that we are in the land of the living going to the land of the dying when in reality we are in the land of the dying headed for the land of the living. -Joseph Stowell

Talk It Over

<u>Ice Breaker</u>: What is your favorite room in the house and why?

Read John 14:1-6

- 1. What has Jesus been telling his disciples that might give them reason to be troubled (see John 13:21, 33, 36-38)?
- 2. Look at Peter's question in 13:36, Thomas' question in 14:5, Phillip's question in 14:8, and Judas' question in 14:22. What are the disciples struggling with?
- 3. Where in your life is your heart troubled, and how can trusting God and Jesus bring peace?
- 4. Pastor Kendall mentioned that in John 14:1-3 Jesus is using language familiar to people in his own day (the cultural practice of an engaged man returning to his parents' home to prepare a place for his bride). How does this cultural knowledge shed greater light on what Jesus is trying to convey to his disciples here? How should this affect our own outlook/worldview today?
- 5. Put Jesus' statement in 14:6-7 into your own words. What is the force of the claims Jesus makes here?
- 6. In light of 14:6 how would you respond to someone who says, "there are many ways to God."
- 7. In troubled times what promises of God give you hope and courage?