



Jesus' Farewell Word

Troubled Hearts and Greater Works— John 14:1-14

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We continue our series considering Jesus' Farewell words with a focus on John 14: 1-14. In this message, we glimpse the love the Father for the church and hear Christ's invitation to continue the work he began. Listen in as Lewis Roderick opens God's word.

For personal reflection/community discussion

Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- How can focusing on the troubled heart Jesus endured help us with our own troubled hearts? In answering this, reflect upon John's use of the same in v.1 as in 13: 21. Do you struggle to imagine the Father loving you to the same degree as Jesus? How has this message affected your thinking?
- In the spirit of 1 John 3:1, "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God," meditate/discuss on how amazing it is that through Jesus we have access to God as our heavenly Father. If we are in Christ, we belong to the Father and He loves us as His children. How should this affect the way we approach God in prayer as "Our Father in heaven" (Matt. 6:9–13)? Vv12-14 challenge our experience and our outlook.
 - How do you feel about the invitation to walk in Jesus' way, and by the power of the Spirit, continue the work he began? Was what Lewis said about miracles/healings new to you?
 - Before this message, would you have considered sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ a 'greater work' than healing?
 - How might these verses affect your expectations and prayer life this week?