

Application Questions:

Today: we will learn “Basic Bible Study Methods” – how to understand what a passage means and then how to apply it to your everyday life. There are three questions to think through when studying the Bible:

- 1) **Observation** – what do you observe in the text that stands out? Things like repeating words, awkward grammar, words that need to be defined, etc.
- 2) **Interpretation** – what does it mean? Try to figure out why there are repeated words; try to understand the grammar; try to define words in the context of how they are being used; also, read the other verses before and after to understand context; etc.
- 3) **Application** – after coming to understand the text, how does it apply to my everyday life? What difference does it make?

Use these tools to understand the passage below, and for discussion of how to apply this text to your life for such a time as this.

Read John 14:12-13* –

- 1) **Observation** –
- 2) **Interpretation** –
- 3) **Application** –

In conclusion, what does it mean to pray in Jesus’ name?

*Hint if you get stuck, read the verses before and after (8-11 & 15-17)

The Passion of Jesus [John 14:8-17]

John 14:1 “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and 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. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹² Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”

Q: What does it mean to pray in Jesus’ name?

- I. You see **Jesus**, you see GOD the Father (14:8-11)
- II. **And so** When you pray in Jesus’ **name**, it will be done (14:12-14)
- III. This begs for the help of the **Spirit** in the Christian life (14:15-17)