



John

Lesson 14 Chapter 14

In the previous chapter, Jesus gives His disciples a moving illustration of servanthood through the act of washing their feet. This scene sums up the life and ministry of Christ. In all that He said and did He revealed His great love and compassion for all mankind. He came not as the triumphant, conquering king, but as the meek and humble servant. After He established this pattern by His life, He said to all who would follow Him, "...for I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you." The time for Jesus to suffer and die has come. The short time He has left to spend with his disciples is needed to instruct and prepare them for His departure. He gives them several vital promises to encourage them. Though He is leaving physically, He

promises His presence with them through the coming of the Holy Spirit. He also gives them the promise of answered prayer. Whatever the future might hold, they have unhindered access to the power of heaven to enable them to complete the Father's will for their lives. In fact, they would do greater work in massive evangelism when Jesus leaves than when He was present with them because of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The key to their success would lie in their obedience to Him. John 14:21, "He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by my Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him."

READ CHAPTER 14

1. *Why were their hearts troubled? What does this reveal about their belief about what Jesus was doing?*



Greek word "troubled" is tarássō – properly it means to put in motion (to agitate back-and-forth, shake to-and-fro); figuratively it means to set in motion what needs to remain still (at ease); to "trouble" ("agitate"), causing inner perplexity (emotional agitation) from getting too stirred up inside ("upset").



The Greek word for “mansion” KJV or “dwelling place” NAS is moua. It means a permanent dwelling place of which there are many in heave, appointed by the Father for His children. Mansion is derived from the Latin word mansion, but this does not mean a palatial house. What is connoted is a room set apart for each person. The word moua is derived from the word menein which means “to abide permanently,” and indicates the believer’s eternal, unchangeable, and final home in the house of God.

~Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible

2. *What do the statements of Thomas (vs.5) and Phillip (vs.8) tell you about their understanding of Christ and what He is doing?*

3. *Why did Jesus say they should believe He was from the Father, and what would be the result of that belief?*

4. *Does this mean we can have anything from God that we ask for as long as we do it in Jesus’ name? Explain using the context in which Jesus gave this promise.*

5. *What should be the result of loving Jesus? Give some verses from 1 John where this truth is repeated by John.*

6. *What is “that day” that Jesus refers to in vs.20?*

7. *The word “abode” in vs.23 is the same word for “mansions” (KJV) or “dwelling places” (NAS) in vs.2. Compare the two verses and explain what you think Jesus meant in each.*
8. *In what way will the Holy Spirit be our Helper?*
9. *Why would the peace that Christ gives be especially important to the disciples now and later? Why is it important to you?*
10. *Give nine promises that Jesus gives his disciples in Chapter 14.*

Prayer requests:

Group time notes:
