

## **DISCUSSION 1**

Hope (vv. 1-7)

1. As an introduction to John 14:1, read 13:36-38. What truth had Jesus just shared with the disciples in this passage that might have caused their hearts to be “troubled”? Put yourself in the disciples’ situation. How would you have reacted to Jesus’s words?
2. Read verse 3. What does Jesus say he is doing for us in this verse? How does it make you feel to know Jesus is preparing a place for you. How might this truth shift your attention and hope from “things” to Jesus?
3. What three claims does Jesus make in verse 6? How do these claims give you comfort in life and death?

## **DISCUSSION 2**

Doubt (vv. 8-11)

1. Read Jesus’s words in verse 7. Then, read Philip’s request in verse 8. In light of what Jesus has said, does Philip’s request shock you? Why or why not?
2. Does Jesus respond to Philip’s request? If so, what does he say? Where do you often turn when you have questions? What are some questions you’re wrestling with right now?
3. In verse 11, Jesus points both to his person and to his works as proof that he is God. If someone asked you why you believe Jesus is God, what would you say?

## **DISCUSSION 3**

Prayer (vv. 12-14)

1. What are the “greater works” Jesus refers to in verse 12? How have you seen Jesus’s words to be true in your life and in the lives of other Christians?
2. What does Jesus say about prayer in verse 13? How might this statement be misunderstood or misapplied? What do you think Jesus really meant?
3. Read James 4:1-3. How does James help us understand what might be going wrong in our prayer life? What instructions does James give in verses 6-8 for approaching God in prayer?

## **FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS**

1. What is the best thing about heaven? Talk about what living with Jesus will be like.
2. Ask: why do you think that we say “in Jesus’s name” at the end of a prayer? After your children answer, explain the meaning of this practice to them using John 14:14.
3. Ask your kids to share the names of some of their friends who are not Christians. Pray together that their friends would believe in Jesus.

## **APPLICATION**

- Read Revelation 21. Take time to meditate on verses 3-5—particularly the joy of living with God in the new heaven and the new earth. Ask the Lord to use this passage to stir your affections, that you would desire the presence of Jesus more than anything else.
- Either in your Small Group or with a friend, pray that God would continue to save souls through the ministry of College Park. Pray that heaven would break through and that there would be transformation in your neighborhood. Consider praying for your neighbors while walking around your neighborhood (and introduce yourself to neighbors if they are outside).