THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE — WEEK 10

The Gospel of John

Video Guide

DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED

John 14:1–16:4

14:1–14 — Jesus is the Way. *Do not let your hearts be troubled.*

14:15–24 — Jesus is loved. *Keep My commandments.*

14:25–31 — Jesus gives peace. *I will not leave you.*

15:1–11 — Jesus is the Vine. *Abide in Me.*

15:12–17 — Jesus commands love. *Love one another.*

15:18–16:4 — Jesus prepares us. *When the world hates you.*

As we continue our journey through *The Gospel of John*, take time with the Scriptures, think through the questions, process **UP** (our worship) → **IN** (our community) → **OUT** (our neighbors) →, and ask where God may be giving you an **Invitation** (Repent/turn to Him) and a **Challenge** (Believe/live for Him).

SUNDAY — John 14:1–14

DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED

Jesus prepares His disciples for His departure by calling them to trust Him. He does not just give them directions to the Father—He declares that **He Himself is the way, the truth, and the life.**

DISCUSS

1. Jesus begins by saying, "Let not your hearts be troubled" (14:1). What does He tell His disciples to believe when their circumstances are uncertain?

2. Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (14:6). What does this reveal about Jesus' identity and why He is more than simply a teacher who points us toward God?

3. Thomas wants to know the way, while Philip asks Jesus to show them the Father (14:5, 8). Where do you find yourself wanting more clarity from God before trusting Him?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: What does Jesus being the Way, the Truth, and the Life reveal about Who He Is?

IN: How can Christian community help us trust Jesus when we do not understand what God is doing?

OUT: Who around you may be searching for a way, truth, or life that only Jesus can provide?

INVITATION

What is God saying about where you are placing your trust, and what is He inviting you to believe about Jesus?

CHALLENGE

What is one area of uncertainty where you will choose to trust Jesus rather than needing to know the outcome?

MONDAY — John 14:15–24

KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS

Jesus connects love for Him with obedience. He promises that those who belong to Him will not be abandoned but will experience the presence of the Holy Spirit.

DISCUSS

1. Jesus says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (14:15). What does this teach us about the relationship between love and obedience?

2. Jesus promises another Helper who will be with His followers forever (14:16–17). Why is the presence of the Holy Spirit essential to following Jesus?

3. Jesus says, "Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me" (14:21). How can obedience become a response to love rather than an attempt to earn God's love?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: What does Jesus' promise to send the Spirit reveal about His care for His people?

IN: How can Christian community help us encourage one another toward loving obedience without becoming legalistic?

OUT: How might a life of loving obedience make the reality of Jesus visible to people around us?

INVITATION

What is God saying about your love for Jesus, and what is He inviting you to obey?

CHALLENGE

What is one command of Jesus you already know you need to obey today?

TUESDAY — John 14:25–31

I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU

Jesus knows His disciples will face uncertainty, fear, and grief. He promises the Holy Spirit, gives them His peace, and reminds them that His departure is not abandonment but obedience to the Father.

DISCUSS

1. Jesus says the Holy Spirit will teach the disciples and bring His words to their remembrance (14:26). What does this teach us about how God helps us remember and understand His truth?

2. Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you" (14:27). How is the peace Jesus offers different from the peace the world offers?

3. Jesus tells the disciples not to be troubled or afraid (14:27). What fears become easier to face when we remember that Jesus has not left us?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: What does Jesus' promise of peace reveal about His character and His care for His people?

IN: How can we help one another remember Jesus' promises when fear or uncertainty takes over?

OUT: Who around you may need to experience the peace of Christ through your presence and encouragement?

INVITATION

What is God saying about your fear or anxiety, and what is He inviting you to entrust to Him?

CHALLENGE

Identify one situation that is troubling your heart and intentionally bring it to Jesus in prayer, trusting His presence and peace.

WEDNESDAY — John 15:1–11

ABIDE IN ME

Jesus describes Himself as the true vine and His followers as branches. Fruitfulness does not come from trying harder apart from Jesus but from remaining connected to Him.

DISCUSS

1. Jesus says, "Abide in me, and I in you" (15:4). What do you think it practically looks like to abide in Jesus?

2. Jesus says a branch cannot bear fruit by itself (15:4–5). What does this reveal about our dependence on Jesus for spiritual life and fruitfulness?

3. Jesus connects abiding in Him with His words remaining in us and with obedience (15:7–10). How do Scripture, prayer, obedience, and relationship with Jesus work together?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: What does Jesus being the true vine reveal about our complete dependence on Him?

IN: How can Christian community help us remain connected to Jesus rather than trying to live the Christian life in isolation?

OUT: What kind of fruit should people see in our lives when we are genuinely abiding in Jesus?

INVITATION

What is God saying about your connection with Him, and what is He inviting you to stop trying to produce apart from Him?

CHALLENGE

What will you do today to intentionally abide in Jesus through His Word, prayer, worship, or obedience?

THURSDAY — John 15:12–17

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Jesus gives His disciples a new command: love one another as He has loved them. This love is sacrificial, intentional, and rooted in the love Jesus has already shown His people.

DISCUSS

1. Jesus says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you" (15:12). What makes Jesus' love the standard for how Christians should love one another?

2. Jesus says, "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends" (15:13). What does sacrificial love look like in everyday relationships?

3. Jesus calls His disciples friends and reminds them that He chose them (15:15–16). How should knowing that Jesus chose and loves us shape the way we love others?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: What does Jesus' sacrificial love reveal about Who He Is?

IN: What would change in our church if we genuinely loved one another the way Jesus loves us?

OUT: Who in your life needs to experience Christ's love through a practical act of sacrifice or care?

INVITATION

What is God saying about the way you love others, and who is He inviting you to love differently?

CHALLENGE

Choose one person today—especially someone who is difficult to love—and intentionally show them the kind of sacrificial love Jesus has shown you.

FRIDAY — John 15:18–16:4

WHEN THE WORLD HATES YOU

Jesus prepares His disciples for opposition. Following Him will not always make us popular or comfortable, but opposition should not surprise us because the world first rejected Jesus.

DISCUSS

1. Jesus says, "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you" (15:18). What does this teach us about the cost of following Jesus?

2. Jesus says the world's opposition comes because people do not know the Father or Jesus (15:21–24). Why can the truth of the Gospel create resistance?

3. Jesus prepares His disciples for persecution before it happens (16:1–4). How can knowing that difficulty may come help us remain faithful rather than surprised or discouraged?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: What does Jesus' willingness to endure rejection reveal about His commitment to the Father and to us?

IN: How can Christian community help us remain faithful when following Jesus becomes costly?

OUT: How can we stand for truth with courage while still reflecting the love and character of Jesus?

INVITATION

What is God saying about the places where you fear rejection, and what is He inviting you to trust Him with?

CHALLENGE

Where are you tempted to compromise your faith because you want to be accepted? Choose faithfulness to Jesus today, even if it costs you something.