

**Discussion questions – October 4 - John 14:1-3 – a great word of encouragement from Jesus about the present (let not your heart be troubled) but also about the future (I go to prepare a place for you)...**

- 1. IF WE ARE PEOPLE OF THE BOOK AND IF WE ARE TRULY GROWING IN OUR DESIRE TO KNOW GOD - How has God's Word impacted your life this week?**
- 2. How is everyone doing this week? Any new challenges? How have they seen God at work? (make this a regular feature, nothing encourages like reports of what God is doing in our lives.**
- 3. Any follow up or carry over from our last lesson?**
- 4. What one point resonated with you from the lesson this morning? What stands out the most to you from this lesson?**  
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- 5. Place yourself in the disciple's mindset – the ill-timed debate about greatness, the foot washing debacle, the prediction of Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial, and then Jesus telling them that he's leaving. How do you think you'd be feeling right about now?!**
- 6. You can speak to this in either broad categories or something very specific if you'd like...What causes you the most anxiety, makes you fearful, or makes your heart troubled in your daily life?**
- 7. How do you receive Jesus' words, "let not your heart be troubled"? Seem impossible? It seems too easy? What does actively believing/trusting in Jesus look like for you when hear those words? What are the practical barriers that make it hard to "not let your heart be trouble"? How do we regain the right perspective?**
- 8. When Jesus says believe in God believe also in me, he is clearly claiming to be God. He's moving the argument to a strong theological one. How does this underscore the importance of doctrine? Why is doctrine so important in our lives and spiritual walk? What do you say to someone who says, "I'm not really into doctrine, just give me the practical stuff".**
- 9. What's the first thing that comes to mind when you think of heaven? How does the promise of an eternal home with Jesus change how you view your current situation? How do we keep from making heaven about something material – I've got a mansion just over the hillside! Is it wrong to think of heaven as streets of gold and pearly gates? What's the proper balance? Do we focus on place or a Person?**
- 10. How does Jesus' promise to come again change how we look at things going in our lives and world? What do you look most forward to about Jesus' promise to come again?**
- 11. Think about what Jesus is doing in these verses...encouraging and comforting his disciples. He's facing the greatest hardship and trial ever known, the cross; and his concern is his disciples. Your thoughts.**

**What we take away...**