

'Peace for the Fog Line'
'THRIVE' The Gospel of John
Small Group Questions – Week of November 5, 2017
John 14:1-11

Topic: Jesus' Peace—

Getting Started:

1) Share a time on the highway where you were 'White Knuckling' it overwhelmed with anxiety surrounded by risks and danger. Where were you? What got you into that situation? How did you get out?

Big Idea:

Jesus' incarnate time on this earth is down to the last few hours before his arrest and crucifixion. His teaching is in full force with these chapters being like a sleuth box filled with nuggets of valuable gold. Yet his disciples are losing it. They are confused and stressed out over multiple things. Life for them has become anxiety filled like they are driving on the wrong side of the fog-line. Jesus has not met their expectations of setting up a worldly empire...and He's talking about leaving them and they can't follow. It's in this context that Jesus hands them the valuable nugget of Peace in Him despite their tribulations. Today's message focus' on how we can find the Peace Jesus is talking about even when our lives are filled with trial & tribulations.

Digging Deeper:

2) Talk about what those last hours of Jesus life must have been like for his disciples. (See Matthew 26:2, Mark 14:1-2) How do you think Jesus' encouragement from John 14:1 was received? Why is it hard for us to obey Jesus' directive in John 14:1?

3) Read John 14:1-4. What is the main focus of these passages? The cross of Jesus is central to our discovery of peace that transcends our struggle. What does Jesus' work on the cross bridge us to? (See John 14:23) Talk as a small group about why so many believers in Christ can't seem to find the kind of peace Jesus is talking about.

4) Read John 14:6-11. What is the main thrust Jesus is aiming at in these passages? (See Hebrews 1:3 & Colossians 1:15) Give examples of how Jesus extended grace, mercy & forgiveness during his earthly ministry. In what ways do these examples change the way we think God sees us?

5) How is the righteousness of Jesus central to discovering God's peace in our turmoil? If we're not depending on the righteousness of Jesus then whose righteousness are we depending on? In what ways does this show up in our lives?

Making it Real:

Share areas you are struggling to discover God's peace and pray for each other.