

Reflection Questions: Verses from John 14-16

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These reflection questions are designed to help you apply the message from the Scriptures by helping you think through application to your personal life, your church life, and your city's life. You can use these by yourself for reflection, or with your family or small group for discussion. To review the message, go to MercyHillBCS.org/resources/messages.

INTRODUCTION

Pray. Take a moment to pray asking God to guide you in reflecting upon the Scripture text.

Read the Scripture text: John 14

14:1 Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.

14:16 "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

14:25 "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said.

14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

16:33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

Let's get started...

- What grabs your attention in this text? What questions or thoughts arise as you reflect on what it's saying?

QUESTIONS

1. Let's think about how this text applies to our lives as individuals.

- Two times in this text Jesus says, "Let not your hearts be troubled." How easy do you find it to listen and apply what Jesus says precisely when your heart is feeling troubled.
- In these verses, Jesus focuses our attention upon God and Himself. This along with the two gifts He mentions He thinks should make all the difference. What are those two gifts He mentions? And how should this make a difference when we are feeling anxious, troubled, panicky?
- In this study, the pastor mentioned that we need to learn how to take our troubles to God, and we're not very good at it. Why is learning to take our troubled hearts to God a discipline we need to master?

- When I forget what Jesus teaches here in these verses, what lies fill that vacuum? What wrong thoughts result when we forget this truth?

2. Let's think about how this text applies to us as a community of Jesus' followers.

- What role do you think Jesus has mind for the community of faith in helping us remember these truths?
- How can we grow in helping one another and reminding one another of these truths, especially when our instincts are to just try to muscle through it ourselves?

3. Let's think about how this text applies to our city.

- How does this teaching of Jesus help us understand God's mission in our city? In other words, how does this serve as Good News for those outside the faith?
- What kind of me does God want for his mission?

CONCLUSION QUESTION

What is the one thing you want to take away from this study to remember or to make a change in your life?

PRAYER

What are some ways you can turn what you are learning into prayer? List them as bullet points....

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