John 14:1-7 Living in the Father's House

1 "Don't let your heart be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me.

Meditation Question: Why were the disciple's hearts troubled? How does believing in God our Father and in Jesus help us when our hearts are troubled?

2 In my Father's house are many homes. If it weren't so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. 3 If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and will receive you to myself; that where I am, you may be there also.

Meditation Question: What is the Father's house? What was He talking about in verses 2-3?

4 You know where I go, and you know the way." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me. 7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on, you know him, and have seen him."

Meditation Question: What did Jesus mean when he said, "I am the way, the truth and the life?"

Meditation Question: Jesus is the way, but what is the destination? Where is Jesus leading us?

John 14:7-14

Doing the Father's Works

7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on, you know him, and have seen him." 8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you such a long time, and do you not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father. How do you say, 'Show us the Father?'

Meditation Question: What did Jesus say about knowing the Father?

10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I tell you, I speak not from myself; but the Father who lives in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me; or else believe me for the very works' sake.

Meditation Question: What did Jesus say about His relationship with His Father?

12 Most certainly I tell you, he who believes in me, the works that I do, he will do also; and he will do greater works than these, because I am going to my Father.

Meditation Question: How can we do the works of the Father?

Meditation Question: What did Jesus mean when He said, "He will do even greater works than these?"

13 Whatever you will ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you will ask anything in my name, I will do it.

Meditation Question: Summarize verses 13-14 in your own words. Explain from these verses what prayers will be answered?

John 14:15-20

The Father gives the Holy Spirit to live in us.

15 If you love me, keep my commandments. 16 I will pray to the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, that he may be with you forever: 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world can't receive; for it doesn't see him and doesn't know him. You know him, for he lives with you, and will be in you.

Meditation Question: What do these verses teach about the Spirit?

18 I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you. 19 Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more; but you will see me. Because I live, you will live also.

Meditation Question: Explain Jesus' statement, "Because I live, you will also live."

20 In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

Meditation Question: Do you know that Jesus is in the Father, that you are in Jesus, and that Jesus is in you? Do you have confidence and assurance that you are in Christ and that He is in you?

John 14:21-31

The Father makes His Home in Us!

21 One who has my commandments and keeps them, that person is one who loves me. One who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him, and will reveal myself to him."

Meditation Question: What promises are given in verse 21 to people who love Jesus and obey his commands?

Meditation Question: What did Jesus mean when He said that He and His Father would love people who love Him and who obey His commands? Doesn't Jesus love everyone unconditionally even if they I don't obey?

22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, what has happened that you are about to reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?"

23 Jesus answered him, "If a man loves me, he will keep my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our home with him. 24 He who doesn't love me doesn't keep my words. The word which you hear isn't mine, but the Father's who sent me.

Meditation Question: Why do you think Jesus repeated the following more than once in verses 21-24?

- 1. If a person loves me they will obey my commands.
- 2. I and the Father will love the person who loves me and obeys my commands.

Meditation Question: What does it mean for Jesus and the Father to "make their home within us?

25 I have said these things to you while still living with you. 26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things, and will remind you of all that I said to you.

27 Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, I give to you. Don't let your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful.

Meditation Question: Give examples of how the Holy Spirit has taught you and reminded you of what Jesus has said to you?

Meditation Question: How have you experienced the peace that Jesus gives. How is it different than the peace that the world gives?

John 14:28-31

"I am going to My Father. My Father is greater than I."

28 You heard how I told you, 'I go away, and I come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I said 'I am going to my Father;' for the Father is greater than I. 29 Now I have told you before it happens so that when it happens, you may believe. 30 I will no more speak much with you, for the prince of the world comes, and he has nothing in me. 31 But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father commanded me, even so I do. Arise, let's go from here.

Meditation Question: If Jesus is God, why did He say, "the Father is greater than I?"