

Goldstone Church

Small Group Questions

John 14:1-6

For Starting

- What is the kindest act you have ever seen someone do?
- What would you do to make a special announcement?
- Complete the sentence: "I come to Goldstone because..."
- What would you say to encourage someone who is wrestling with the fear of death?

For Reviewing

- What does Jesus say overcomes a troubled heart (v.1)?
- Where and *why* is Jesus going away (v.2)?
- What are Jesus' plans *after* he goes away (v.3)?
- Did the disciples know the way that Jesus was referring to (v.4)? See Matthew 7:13-14.
- What was Thomas' question (v.5)? Is it still a valid question?
- What THREE pictures does Jesus use to describe himself (v.6)?

For Discussion

- Why were the disciples becoming "troubled", i.e. agitated (v.1)? See John 13:21-22, 33, 36-38
- "*Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.*" (John 14:1 ESV). In what ways (if any) is "believe" (ESV) different in meaning from "trust" (NIV)?
- "*[Heaven] is a permanent home, from which eviction is impossible, and where notice to leave cannot be served!*" Do you agree/disagree? Why/why not? How does this impact our lives today?
- What comfort do you have in knowing that, as a Christian, Jesus is preparing a place especially for you in heaven?
- Is it intolerant to believe that no one comes to God except through Jesus? Why are some people uncomfortable with the phrase, "*No one comes to the Father but by me*"?
- In the light of Jesus' *full* statement in John 14:6, how would you reply to someone saying that "all religions lead to God"?
- You could end by reading together John 14:6.

John 14:1-6 (NIVUK)

Jesus comforts his disciples

¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. ² In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Jesus the way to the Father

⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.