

04 JOHN 14:16-29 A GIFT OF PEACE



THIS WEEK'S focus

A person's last words tend to be held in high esteem. John 14-17 is often called the "Farewell Discourse" because these chapters record the last words that Jesus entrusted to His disciples before He died. Before Jesus's disciples would need to grapple with His horrific death, Jesus poured comfort into their hearts by offering rich truths about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit. On our darkest days, all of Jesus's followers can remember how God upholds us: God the Father loves us, God the Son will return to us, and until then, God the Spirit will teach us and help us. Jesus's teachings in these chapters make it clear: the world may give trouble, but Jesus gives peace.



CENTRAL truth

Our triune God—Father, Son, and Spirit—actively upholds those who follow Him.



EXPLORE. scripture

JOHN 14:16-29

JOHN 14:16-21

16 “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. **17** He is the Spirit of truth. The world is unable to receive him because it doesn’t see him or know him. But you do know him, because he remains with you and will be in you. **18** I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. **19** In a little while the world

will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too. **20** On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you. **21** The one who has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I also will love him and will reveal myself to him.”

JOHN 14:22-26

22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it you’re going to reveal yourself to us and not to the world?” **23** Jesus answered, “If anyone 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** The one who doesn’t love me will not keep my words.

The word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me. **25** I have spoken these things to you while I remain with you. **26** But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you.

JOHN 14:27-29

27 “Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Don’t let your heart be troubled or fearful. **28** You have heard me tell you, ‘I am going away and I am coming to you.’ If

you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. **29** I have told you now before it happens so that when it does happen you may believe.”

DAILY devotions

MEMORIZE JOHN 14:27

7 ARROWS FOR BIBLE READING



What does this passage say?



What does this passage tell us about God?



What did this passage mean to its original audience?



How does this passage change the way I relate to people?



What does this passage tell us about humans?



How does this passage prompt me to pray?



What does this passage demand of me?

day 1

JOHN 14:8-11

DWELL

In this exchange between Jesus and Philip, Jesus offered some insight into the mystery of the Trinity. Though God the Father and God the Son are distinct, seeing the Son meant seeing the Father. As He lived on earth, Jesus fully embodied God's character and fully obeyed God, not just because God is His Father but because Jesus is also God. This is the kind of thing that blurs in our minds now, but one day, we will see more clearly. Jesus's main point is this: keep your eyes on Him, and trust that in looking at Him, you are not missing the Father.



What reasons did Jesus give Philip to believe?



What have you learned about the Trinity this week?

MEMORIZE

Using colored pencils or pens, creatively write out John 14:27 on a piece of paper. Read the verse out loud five times. Finally, try to say it out loud five times without looking, trying to picture it in your mind instead.

PRAY

Thank God for who He is—and thank Him for being so big that it's hard to comprehend Him!

day 2

JOHN 14:12-17

DWELL

↓ According to Jesus, how does what we believe impact what we do?

↗ How can this principle change the way you repent of your sin?

Jesus was clear that belief in Him will have a clear impact on the way we live. In fact, Jesus said His followers would do greater works than Him! How is that possible? It's helpful to remember that while "greater" can mean "better," it can also mean "broader." Jesus's earthly ministry lasted just three years and was mostly limited to the regions of Galilee, Judea, and Samaria; Christ's followers have brought and continue to bring Christ's ministry all over the world! We are part of the plan to bring the good news of Jesus to the ends of the earth.

MEMORIZE

Invent motions that match the words in John 14:27 and practice them while saying the words out loud a few times. It probably feels a little weird, but hey, sometimes movement can help engage our brains!

PRAY

Ask God to reveal areas in your life where you wrestle with unbelief. Pray like the struggling father in Mark 9:24: "I believe! Help my unbelief!"

day 3

JOHN 14:18-21

DWELL

Though Jesus had been telling His disciples that He was going somewhere they could not follow, He filled their hearts with hope by promising that He would not leave forever. This was fulfilled in part when Jesus was resurrected and later when God the Spirit came to live within them, but this will be totally fulfilled when Jesus returns one day. On that day, sin and death will be fully defeated. We will be fully with Him body and soul, fully mirroring His character and fully enjoying His love.

↔ How could you use this passage to encourage a friend?

← How might belief in Jesus and belief in Jesus's return impact how you think, speak, and act today?

MEMORIZE

Write out John 14:27 on a piece of paper or note card, and place it next to your bed. Make it a goal to say it five times before you go to bed and five times when you wake up.

PRAY

Thank Jesus for His promise to return. If there are any areas in your life in which you are longing for your true home with God, tell Him, and pray, "Come, Lord Jesus."

day 4

JOHN 14:22-26

DWELL

↑ What does this passage teach about God the Spirit?

→ In what areas of your life can you invite God the Spirit to work?

Jesus was clear that His followers will know His word and live according to it. But how? That sounds so intimidating! Take heart: God is not cruel, and He isn't like a distant teacher who loves to surprise unsuspecting students with pop quizzes—especially without teaching us what we need to know. In love, God the Father sends God the Spirit to everyone who believes, and the Spirit teaches and reminds us of God's Word.

MEMORIZE

Write down the first letter of each word of John 14:27 on a note card. At least five times today, see if you can say the verse just by looking at the letters.

PRAY

Ask God to help you hear His teachings and reminders more clearly, especially as you read His Word.

day 5

JOHN 14:27-31

DWELL

Today's passage contains some of Jesus's most comforting words. He talked not only of peace but also of power. In the coming days, the "ruler of this world" might have seemed to be more powerful than Jesus—but he wasn't. (And he isn't!) In fact, Jesus willingly endured evil because He loved the Father and therefore obeyed His will. It wasn't a peaceful plan, but it produced ultimate peace: the peace lost children have when they know their Father has made a way home.

→ How do these truths bring you peace?

← Why could Jesus's disciples rejoice that Jesus was going?

MEMORIZE

Share John 14:27 with a friend or family member, and explain what it means. Then, invite them to randomly quiz you at some point today to see if you can remember the verse.

PRAY

Thank Jesus for His sacrifice and ask Him to comfort you with His peace.