

THE STORY Q's

THE YEAR OF BIBLICAL LITERACY



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Read John 14 together.

Share your story. Have you ever had to “prepare a place” for someone or get your home ready for someone to live in? A new baby, a foster child, an aging parent, a guest? How did it feel? What was the experience like as you prepared for them?

DIVING INTO JOHN 14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.”

Notice that Jesus does not say trouble won't come into our lives...

Q1 So why does Jesus tell His disciples not to let their hearts be troubled? What's the reason He gives here?

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” This verse is often quoted by itself, without surrounding context – for good reason; it sums up a key truth. But read it carefully in context, as a response to Philip's question.

Q2 Does your understanding of Jesus' words change or deepen by reading this in context? Explain what Jesus means.

When Philip asks Jesus to show them the Father, Jesus says, “Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me?” He then gives the disciples two reasons they should believe: his words and his works. “Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.”

Q3 Which of these two reasons does Jesus seem to suggest is more powerful? Why do you suppose that is?

Q4 What originally convinced you to believe Jesus was who He said He was? His words? His works? Something else? Share a bit of your story...

SO WHAT?

"If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world."

C.S. LEWIS / AUTHOR

Q5 What does this look like for us, as a resurrection community, to live out the truth that we were made for another world? How do we do this?

One of the criticisms leveled against Christianity is that people who believe in an eventual heaven will have no regard for the present earth. What do you think?

Q6 Do you think living for eternity could ever be detrimental to the present earth? Explain.

1 CORINTHIANS 15: 30-33

And as for us, why do we endanger ourselves every hour? I face death every day — yes, just as surely as I boast about you in Christ Jesus our Lord. If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus with no more than human hopes, what have I gained? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

Q7 According to this passage, how are we to live our lives if we believe in the resurrection? How are you "endangering yourself" for Jesus right now?