

**Belmont Exeter House Group Notes**  
**w/c 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023**  
**Come and See – I am the way – John 14:1 – 14**

We're working our way through the gospel of John in our Sunday morning services. Our home group studies will pick up the topic from the Sunday before the meeting. This means we won't cover the whole of the Gospel of John in these outlines. Feel free to adapt this content, or to study other passages.

John wrote his gospel so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name (John 20 v 30&31). As we study John together, keep that purpose in mind and ask, "How does this passage help me believe that Jesus is the Messiah and so live life to the full (eternal life)?"

This study is for the passage from the morning service on 21<sup>st</sup> May. If people aren't able to be at the service then please encourage them to catch up online via YouTube or the talks page on the Belmont Exeter website.

This outline is the bare bones of the study: more thought needs to be given to the way you start and finish the evening, use (or don't use) the questions themselves, and think about the way this passage may affect your own group members. Think about the big ideas and how to apply them to everyday life. Here are three book titles you may find helpful to have available for study leaders through the series.

John for Everyone by Tom Wright, pub. SPCK, (short 'daily' chapters on each section)  
The Message of John by Bruce Milne, pub. IVP (more in depth analysis and explanation)  
John for You by Josh Moody, pub. Goodbook Co (sermon style & with focus on application)

**BIG IDEA:** Jesus is our comfort / strength. He is the way, the truth, and the life who brings us in the safety of relationship with the Father.

**WAY IN:**

How would you describe your place / circumstances of 'no trouble'?  
What troubles your heart today?

**Context:** This conversation takes place in the upper room. Jesus has shown his great love for his friend as he washed their feet. He has also spoken about his death and predicted the fragility of Peter's bravado (and probably the others saw themselves in that!).

**READ:** John 14:1-14

**DIG IN**

1. What part of the text or sermon had the greatest impact on you? Did you learn anything new about Jesus? The Bible? God? *This is an open question to see if there are particular themes to explore which are on the minds of the group.*
2. It would be helpful to outline the sections of this passage to bring out the dialogue of question and answer. It starts with Jesus words of comfort after his prediction of Peter's denial.

3. What is at the heart the questions of Thomas and Philip? And what characterizes Jesus answers?
4. In v 1 – 4, Jesus speaks about mansions, places, rooms as places for his followers? How does this fit with other images of heaven and future hope? For example Phil. 3:20-21; 1 Peter 1:7, 13; Rev. 21:1-3). What is the reassurance to us of this promise of Jesus?

## LIVE IT OUT

1. "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us". How does Jesus response become part of our actions, prayers, worship?
2. Using the second part of the 'Way In' questions, how can the promises of v11 -14 change our circumstances

## PRAYER

Pray in small groups about the places where you feel troubled. Bring your place in that situation to the Father through Jesus.