



Sermon Growth Guide

March 14, 2021

To Give His Life - Life After Life

John 14:1-14

Key Verse: John 14:3

“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.”

Big Idea: Live your life knowing there is life after life.

Foundations

Can you imagine seeing Jesus look you in the eye and hearing Him say, “Don’t let your heart be troubled”? Jesus reaches out to you and responds to the endless opportunities to accept heart-troublement and says, “No. Instead, choose me. Abide in my love. Know that you are eternally mine and rest. Stop racing.”

Jesus’ call to not let our hearts be troubled is a call to faith, hope and particularity. By faith, we trust that Jesus can help us in our present living. In hope, we make decisions with eternity in mind. Our call to particularity is our call to recognize that Jesus lays claim over us, that He is the sole source of our salvation, our rest, in whom we can cease being troubled.

This Sunday is the one-year anniversary of our shutdown due to the pandemic. It’s hard to process, isn’t it? Most anniversaries remember a past event. This anniversary remembers an event that is still ongoing. We’re not where we were, but we’re not out of the woods yet, either.

Take time to reflect on where your heart is at in all of this. Pray for one another. Together, thank God that your hearts need not be troubled. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide and guard your time as you now turn to open His Word and have it shape you.

Understanding God’s Word

What claim does Jesus make in verse 6?

How does Jesus describe His relationship with His Father throughout this week’s passage?

What does the phrase “in my name” mean in verses 13 and 14?

Applying God’s Word

This week’s big idea is, “Live your life knowing there is life after life.”

When we know that we are eternal, our decision-making changes. We make choices that are rooted in a Kingdom, eternal perspective instead of a self-centered, this-is-all-there-is perspective. We begin to love others with the love of Christ instead of chasing our tails in the endless pursuit of “more.”

Discern how your actions are different when your eyes are fixed in your eternal security in Christ.

Witnessing God’s Word

How does living with an eternal perspective motivate and shape the way you engage those around you in the love of Christ and with the truth of the Gospel?