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THE GOSPEL OF JOHN · LEADER'S SHEET · THURSDAY FEB 18

John **14** · week 14 of 21

Do Not Let Your Heart Be Troubled · Answers and notes for Thursday

READ MONDAY – WEDNESDAY · MEET THURSDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 18

Answers to every worksheet question, with the exact NASB key-word counts. Personal questions are marked "Personal."

THE WEEK

Monday	Read John 14 straight through, then again with a pen and mark it · Mon, Feb 15
Tuesday	Read the study notes; answer the Observe questions and count the key words · Tue, Feb 16
Wednesday	Interpret, Weigh the Teachers, the Word study and Apply · Wed, Feb 17
Thursday evening	Together: watch the John 14 part of the film, go through the worksheet, pray · Thu, Feb 18

KEY VERSE

> **JOHN 14:6 · NASB**
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> *"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."*

Judas has gone out, and Peter has just been told he will deny Jesus. Into that night Jesus speaks some of the most comforting words in the Bible. Listen to the questions of Thomas, Philip and Judas (not Iscariot), and to how Jesus answers each.

John 14 *Do Not Let Your Heart Be Troubled*

KEY VERSE 14:6

Theme of the chapter. Jesus calms troubled hearts with Himself: He is preparing a place and will come again, He is the only way to the Father, and to see Him is to see the Father. He will send another Helper, the Spirit of truth, to live in His people. Those who love Him keep His word, and He leaves them His own peace.

KEY WORD COUNTS (NASB)

Father	**23**	vv. 2, 6, 7, 8, 9 (×2), 10 (×3), 11 (×2), 12, 13, 16, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 28 (×2), 31 (×2)
believe / believes	**7**	vv. 1 (×2), 10, 11 (×2), 12, 29
love / loves / loved	**10**	vv. 15, 21 (×4), 23 (×2), 24, 28, 31
keep	**3**	vv. 15, 23, 24
Helper	**2**	vv. 16, 26
peace	**2**	vv. 27 (×2)

JOHN 14:1–6 A Place and a Way

1 OBSERVE *What command does Jesus give in 14:1, and what three promises in 14:2–3?*

> "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me." In His Father's house are many dwelling places; He goes to prepare a place; He will come again and receive them to Himself, so that where He is, there they may be also (14:3).

2 WEIGH THE TEACHERS *Read 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17. Guzik ties "I will come again" to the great gathering of His people. Henry and Sproul read it as Christ returning to bring His people home. What do all of them agree is the heart of the promise?*

> "Where I am, there you may be also" (14:3). Faithful readers differ on the timing; all agree He is coming Himself for His own.

3 OBSERVE *What does Thomas ask, and what does Jesus answer (14:5–6)?*

> "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?" Jesus: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me" (14:6).

4 INTERPRET *Guzik: "if Jesus is not the only way to God, then He is not any way to God." Why do all four teachers insist on this? How does Sproul turn the objection around?*

> Jesus Himself said it, so denying it denies Him. Spurgeon: "Heaven hath but this one gate." Sproul says the real question is not why there are not more ways, "but rather why there is even one."

5 APPLY *What is troubling your heart tonight? Write it down, then write 14:1 beside it.*

> Personal.

JOHN 14:7–14 The Father Seen

6 OBSERVE *What does Philip ask, and how does Jesus answer (14:8–9)?*

> "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus: "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father" (14:9).

7 INTERPRET *Jesus promises "greater works than these" (14:12). What are they, and why does He give "because I go to the Father" as the reason?*

> Not bigger miracles, but the worldwide spread of the gospel by the Spirit poured on the whole church. Guzik: "We earnestly await proof of those who have repeatedly done greater works than walking on water."

8 INTERPRET *What does it mean to ask "in My name" (14:13–14)?*

> Guzik: it "is not a magic incantation of prayer." To pray in His name is to pray as His representatives, for His glory, in line with His will. Sproul rejects "name it and claim it."

JOHN 14:15–26 Another Helper

9 OBSERVE *What does Jesus say love for Him will look like (14:15)? Whom will the Father give, and for how long (14:16–17)?*

> "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments" (14:15). "Another Helper," "the Spirit of truth," "that He may be with you forever" (14:16–17).

10 INTERPRET *The word is "another" (allos), another of the same kind. Read 1 John 2:1. What does that tell you about who the Helper is?*

> Jesus is our first Advocate; the Spirit is another of the same kind, a Person, not a force. Sproul: "For there to be two, there has to be one before the second." Spurgeon: "The Spirit is a convincer before he is a Comforter."

11 OBSERVE *What does Jesus promise in 14:18–19?*

> "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you" (14:18). "Because I live, you will live also" (14:19).

12 APPLY *Jesus links love and obedience four times (14:15, 21, 23, 24). Henry: "The surest evidence of our love to Christ is obedience." Where does your love for Jesus need to show up as obedience?*

> Personal. The study's confession: love that doesn't obey. This is not earning love; it is what love does.

13 APPLY *"I will not leave you as orphans." What does that promise mean for a man who grew up without a father, or who feels alone now?*

> Personal. Orphan is the word for fatherless; Jesus promises His own presence by the Spirit.

JOHN 14:27–31 Peace Left Behind

14 OBSERVE *What does Jesus leave His disciples, and how is it different from the world's (14:27)?*

> "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful" (14:27).

15 INTERPRET *Jesus says, "the Father is greater than I" (14:28). Does that deny His deity?*

> No. Greater in role, not in being. Guzik: greater "in position, especially in regard to the incarnation," but not greater "in essence or being." Sproul: subordination, not inferiority.

16 OBSERVE *What does Jesus say about the ruler of the world (14:30), and how does He end (14:31)?*

> "He has nothing in Me." "Get up, let us go from here" (14:31).

WORD STUDY

17 WORD *monē (G3438), a place to stay, a dwelling. The word is used only in 14:2 and 14:23. Who makes a dwelling where in each verse?*

> In 14:2 Jesus prepares a dwelling for us in the Father's house. In 14:23 the Father and Son come and make their abode with the one who loves Him. The house is future; the home begins now.

18 WORD *paraklētos (G3875), one called alongside; Helper, Advocate. What does the Helper do in 14:26?*

> He will teach them all things and bring to remembrance all that Jesus said.

ACTS 17:11 The Chosen check

> ACTS 17:11 · NASB
> *"...examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so."*

WATCH THIS WEEK
Season 5, Episode 3, "Woes" (opening scene, 14:1–3)

Answers and notes for the Chosen check. Let the group find the differences in the text before you give them.

C1 OBSERVE

Where does Jesus speak 14:15–16 in John? Where does Season 5, Episode 8 place those words?

> In the upper room. The show has Jesus repeat them in Gethsemane.

C2 OBSERVE

Read 14:16–26. What does Jesus promise about the Helper? How much of this does the episode show?

> The Father will give another Helper, the Spirit of truth, who will teach them and bring His words to remembrance. The episode only touches it briefly.

C3 INTERPRET

What did the episode add that John 14 does not say? Does the addition help you see the text, or does it change what the text means?

> Additions are not automatically wrong; they are not Scripture. The test is whether an addition changes what the text says about Jesus.

C4 APPLY

The Bereans received the word eagerly and examined the Scriptures daily (Acts 17:11). Where are you most tempted to let a picture, a sermon or a feeling stand in for the text?

> Personal. Press for one concrete habit: reading the chapter before watching, and checking every scene against it.

The Chosen is a drama, not Scripture. God's Word is the truth; where the film differs, the Word wins.