

# GOING TO THE HEAVENLY FATHER DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

JOHN 14:1-14

## Sermon Outline and Notes for Meditation:

 Everyone wants to \_\_\_\_\_ to the Father in heaven.

 But almost no one \_\_\_\_\_ the Father in heaven.

 The only way to \_\_\_\_\_ to the Father in heaven and \_\_\_\_\_ the Father in heaven is through the \_\_\_\_\_ who came to earth.

**1** What do you think of this statement: “What you gaze at, you will be controlled by?” What were the disciples gazing at that made their hearts experience anxiety? Where did Jesus redirect their gaze? What comes to mind when you think of heaven? What will heaven be like?

 a. Does the thought of heaven and what waits for you there, help you to weather the storms of life? What storms has the future hope of heaven helped you weather in your life?

 b. How can you use the future hope of heaven to encourage people in your small group or church as they go through times of trial and difficulty? What are some passages that reflect these types of encouraging thoughts of heaven?

 c. For non-Christians who do not believe in heaven, what things do they hold onto as anchors when the storms of life overwhelm them? Do these anchors ultimately help?

 d. Statistics tell us that people are most open to the message of Jesus and his love for them when they go through times of crisis. How can you use the future hope of heaven to reach out to people who are going through crisis? Have you ever done this?

**2** Read John 14:1-6. Why does Jesus tell his disciples to not let their hearts be troubled? Read John 13:21, 33, 36-38. What has Jesus been telling them that might give them reason to be troubled?

 a. What does Jesus tell his disciples to do in John 13:1, in order to fight the urge to be troubled?

 b. How does believing in God and his Son Jesus give the disciples peace as they face the difficulty that is about to come upon them?

 c. How can this same belief in Jesus give you peace in your storms?

