



All Christians' Fellowship International

INTERACTIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

TOPIC: Comfort for a Troubled Heart

TEXT: John 14:1-31

Instructions - *Let the above passages be read each time you come together to study this topic so that everyone could participate fully. The teacher should provide additional background information on the topic and come up with follow-up questions. Participants should be brief in their responses and use relevant Bible references to illustrate their points. They should be careful not to dominate the discussion to allow everyone to have an equal opportunity to participate.*

Introduction: The call came late at night. A broken sob was followed by these words, "Our son is dying. Will you please come to the hospital?" As I made the trip through darkened streets, I wondered what I could say to bring comfort to these heartbroken parents. Jesus faced that challenge too. In this chapter he comforts eleven disciples who feel like their world is coming unglued.

Discussion Questions:

1. Think of a friend who is going through a personal crisis. If you were with that person now, how would you try to help him or her?
2. Read John 14:1-13. What had Jesus said in chapter 13 to cause his disciples to have "troubled" hearts (v. 1)?
3. In your opinion, how would the promises Jesus make in verses 1-4 bring comfort to his disciples?
4. After being with Jesus for over three years, what have both Thomas and Phillip failed to realize about him (vs. 5-14)?
5. In light of verses 5-14, why is it crucial for our focus to be on Jesus himself?
6. Read John 14:15-31. Another source of comfort for these troubled disciples would be the Holy Spirit. What does the title Counselor tell us about the Spirit's ministry?
7. According to Jesus, how will the Spirit bring comfort and help to followers (v. 15-27)?
8. In what specific ways can the Spirit bring comfort or help in our lives?
9. What is the relationship between our love and obedience to Jesus and love and His presence in our lives (v. 15-24)? How is this different from legalism-earning Christ's love and presence through our good works?
10. How does the peace Christ offers differ from that which the world offers (v. 25-31)?

11. We began this study by thinking about friends who are going through times of trouble or pain. What help has this chapter given us for ministering to them?
12. How can Jesus' words help us in a personal crisis or when we have a troubled heart?