



### Opening Remarks

Some places leave indelible impressions. The house you grew up in, the classroom of a favorite teacher or your first office. Places have memories. The passage we are about to look at takes place in the Upper Room – a place where Jesus gathered with his disciples on the night before he went to the cross.

In this passage, we are invited into a profound conversation about trust when life brings us trouble. We also hear Jesus make the most bold and clear claim about who he is and how we relate to God.

May your time together as a group and with Jesus make a lasting, even indelible, impression.

### Warm it Up

As a child, what was one of your favorite places to be? What was it about the place that made it significant or special? As an adult, is there a place you like to go to think, reflect or sort things out?

### Talk it Over

1. Read John 14:1-4.

Jesus begins by telling his disciples not to let their hearts be troubled. Take a quick look back at Chapter 13. What has Jesus said to the disciples that may be troubling?

What is about to happen that will be troubling?

2. What assurance does Jesus give them? Can you think of another place where Jesus gave his followers assurance and used a house as an example?
3. If you had to describe Heaven based on these four verses, what would you say? Is that enough for you?



4. Read Revelation 3:20 and 21:1-4. Do you see a similar theme?
5. Read John 14:5-7. Over the years we have called Thomas, “Doubting Thomas”. What do these verses tell us about the place of honest doubt that leads to honest questions? What does Jesus’ response tell you?
6. John 14:6 is Jesus’ final “I Am” statement. In what ways is this bold statement a summary of some of the others? (See John 10:7, John 8:12 and John 11:25-26)
7. Mark said that Jesus’ claim is both exciting and scandalous. Do you agree? What makes it exciting? Scandalous?

### Work it Through

8. Is there a place or circumstance where your heart is ‘troubled’? How can you apply the words and assurance Jesus makes to your situation?
9. How comfortable or confident would you be in a conversation about Jesus’ claim to be the way, the truth and the life? Which part of the message was helpful? Are there resources you could pursue to gain more confidence?
10. How would you summarize what God did *for us*? What God has done *in you*?

### Pray it Through

Spend time praying for anyone in your group whose heart is ‘troubled’. Pray for (and anticipate!) opportunities this week to share your faith with gentleness and respect.

*But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.*

1 Peter 3:15.

