



## **ABIDE | April 8**

### **Opening Up:**

- New City turned 8 this week. Describe your 8 year old self to the group?
- When was the last time you felt anxious? Tell the story.

**Reference:** John 14:1-14

### **Discuss:**

1. John 14:1 says that an antidote to anxiety is belief in God. How has belief in God helped you “let not your heart to be troubled”?
2. When we think about it, we would much rather be *with* someone we love than to have something *from* someone we love. What does that say about the value of relationships?
3. Do you think people are tempted to value what they get from God, more than God himself? Why do you think that is?
4. In John 14:1-3 Jesus says, I will be with you in my Father’s house where I have prepared a place for you. In your view, what makes a house feel like a home? How does this idea of a home in the new heavens and new earth affect your view of heaven?
5. A lot people struggle with John 14:6 because it says that Jesus is the only way to the Father. Have you experienced this struggle? How have you responded?
6. When the Jesus said that he was the way, he said this to decrease anxiety. For Jesus to be the way, means you are not the way. How does that truth bring you peace?
7. The teaching of John 14:8-19 is meant to settle an anxious heart. To do so Jesus is trying explain where we are in relationship to the trinity. Namely: Jesus is in the Father. The Father is in Jesus. The Holy Spirit is in you. You are in Jesus. It’s as if Jesus wants us to know how fully immersed we are in relationship with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as Christians. How does this truth settle your anxious heart and give you peace?
8. Read John 14:12-14. Believe John 14:12-14 in prayer. Don’t be anxious, be bold.
9. Pray