

CHURCH AT HOME 4.19.20



John 14:1-14
Psalm 25:4-21
Revelation 21:3
Philippians 3:20
Colossians 1:15-17, 19

“The Way, the Truth, the Life” - Proper worldview, doctrine, and discipleship is so important. Above all kingdoms and political systems, we are called to first be a citizen of heaven... recognizing how far better, more hopeful, and life giving the Kingdom of God is. It's about responding to the initiated Way, Truth, and Life which is first and foremost a person, JESUS!

“Let not your hearts be troubled, believe in God; believe also in me.” - Jesus, later in 16:33, assures his disciples that they will indeed encounter trouble, but to “take heart, I have overcome the world.” Frederick Bruner translates the greek in this passage as, “don't let your heart be “too” troubled. The idea is that we should be troubled when the world, others, and more importantly yourself, lets you down... but don't stay troubled. “Believe” (pisteuo) means to be persuaded, to credit, place confidence in, to trust in Jesus as able to aid either in obtaining or in doing something. ***Where is your hope and trust in times of trouble?***

Jesus speaks of “preparing a place for you.” In v.3 He puts emphasis that this place is “where I am.” ***In regards to heaven, where do your thoughts go? Do you believe that the best is yet to come? How “at home” should you feel now?***

Max Lucado “...the greater calamity is not to feel far from home when you are, but to feel right at home when you're not.”

Thank God for Thomas and Philip, their honesty, humility, and questions are rewarded with amazing answers. ***Do you have the tendency to defend or excuse yourself when expressing troubles or your error? When you are troubled, are you honest with yourself and God?*** Often times, when confronted with our troubles, we sidestep around the work that God wants to do in us. Let's be more like Thomas and Philip, quick to go to the Lord and receive wisdom.

A great verse to ***pray*** this week is Psalm 25:4-21

**WHAT IS GOD SPEAKING TO YOU?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?**