***The Gospel of John: So that you may believe***

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**John 14**

**The Cause and Cure for Anxiety**

John 14:1-3; 16:33; Rev 21:1-4

**The Exclusivity of Jesus for Salvation**

 John 14:4-7; 11:25-26; Acts 4:12

**Jesus: The Unique Revealer of the Father**

 John 14:8-11; John 1:18; Exodus 33:18-20

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**Digging Deeper into John 14**

**Icebreaker**: Start the conversation with sharing what current aspects of your lives are bringing you trouble and distress. How are these issues impacting your daily life?

**1. Read John 14:1-3 and John 16:32-33**

It seems that anxiety and stress producing situations will always be part of this life. The question is how do we deal with them.

* In some translations, v:1 says “*trust in God, trust in me also*.” Do you have a sufficient understanding of the Father and the Son to trust them in the midst of any circumstance?
* Vs: 2-3 teach us that our ultimate delivery from the troubles of this world is the New Heaven and the New Earth in which we live after Christ’s 2nd coming. Is that hope sufficient for today’s troubles? Why or why not?
* In light of the fact that Jesus had emotional distress and anxiety (same word from 14:1 used in 11:33, 12:27, and 13:21 to refer to Jesus experience), Is it a sin to be anxious? If not, can anxiety and worry lead to sin?
* Read Revelation 21:1-4 and discuss what that day will be like.

**2. Read John 14:4-7 and Acts 4:12**

A major criticism of Christianity is it claims to be the only way to salvation. Jesus words in this passage affirm that belief. How do we present this exclusive message to an increasingly inclusive world?

* Discuss what it means for Jesus to be THE Way, THE Truth, and THE Life as opposed to him being “a” way, truth, and life.

**3. Read John 14:8-11**

Have you ever given much thought to Jesus being the full revelation of the Father? Isn’t it common to see the Father as less approachable and maybe less gentile than Jesus?

* *Why do people tend to see the two as different?*
* *Close the study with some examples of something new you learned about the Father by knowing the Son.*