

***Study Hints for Thinking Further***  
***International Bible Lessons***

**John 14:1-14**

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Five Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be answers to the discussion questions, but hints a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class.

**Five Questions for Discussion  
and Thinking Further**

**1. What are some concerns or events that trouble some people today?**

The economy, moral and spiritual decline, war.

**2. How can believing in God the Father and Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior help people not to be troubled about the concerns and events they listed in answer to question one?**

Jesus promised that God will care for us and meet our needs; just as He cares for and meets the needs of the animals, the birds, and the flowers. Jesus has told us to be

His witnesses, but also said in the Sermon on the Mount that His followers would be persecuted for righteousness sake. As a result of are telling others about Jesus, some will repent and come to faith in Jesus and be saved. Jesus has called us (His followers) to make the effort to be peacemakers, but even if we are killed in war, Jesus has prepared a place for us (His followers).

### **3. Jesus said He was the way, the truth, and the life. How does knowing this help you in your daily life?**

When we need to know the way to God, the way to heaven, or the way to go whenever we are lost, we can call upon Jesus, who will help us. When we need to know the ultimate truth about God and reality, we can ask Jesus to help us understand what the Bible teaches. When we need what will help us in our spiritual life or our physical life or give us assurance of eternal life, we can pray to Jesus, who will help me.

### **4. How do Jesus' words help you when you are facing death – the death of a friend, loved one, or yourself?**

We learn that Jesus has prepared a special place in heaven for all who believe in Him. We know that when any of His followers die, He comes to take them to heaven to be with Him and His heavenly Father.

## **5. How does Jesus teaching on prayer in these verses encourage you?**

If we stay close to Jesus and learn what the Bible teaches, then we will have Jesus' help in knowing what to pray for and how to pray. Then, we will know how to pray according to the will of God, to glorify God the Father and Jesus, and we will receive what we ask because we will be praying according to the will of God, for what God wants.

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