

[In My Father's House](#) (taught in January 2020)

John 14:1-2 Let not your heart be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house, are many rooms, if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

Optional discussion questions/conversation starters:

- Old Testament or New Testament? (New) Who is the author of this book? (John) John is one of the four _____. (gospels) What does “gospel” mean? (The Good News – the best news ever!!!!) What are the other four gospels? (Matthew, Mark, Luke) Who *spoke* the words in this verse? (Jesus) John, along with the other gospels, is sharing the story about Jesus' life: his travels, his teachings, his actions, his healings, his death on the cross, and his resurrection from the dead.
- Who is Jesus' “Father”? (Do you want to teach about the Trinity? If so, go for it! The basics: God is one God in three persons: Father; Son (Jesus); and Holy Spirit. FBC's Constitution reads: “We believe that God is one in essence and eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each having precisely the same nature, attributes, and perfections, and each worthy of precisely the same worship, confidence, and obedience.”)
- Is Jesus' “Father's house” a literal house? (No. It is heaven.)
- Are the “rooms” literal rooms? (No.) What are the “many rooms”? It means that there is no limit to how many people can go to heaven. Jesus wants everyone to go to heaven, and all of us (everyone!) can go to heaven if we believe in Jesus!
- What does it mean to believe in Jesus? (It *includes* believing that Jesus is God, that he died on the cross for our sins, and that he rose from the dead; *and* it includes trusting the truth of this enough to claim Jesus as our Savior, rely on him, and follow his teachings.)
- What did Jesus mean when he said, “I go to prepare a place for you”? (He is talking to his disciples about his upcoming death on the cross. This verse does not mean that Jesus is

currently building houses for us in heaven. Rather, he prepared/made a way for us in heaven by dying on the cross for our sins.)

- *How* do we “not let our hearts be troubled” when there are so many “troubling” things in life? (By keeping our minds on Jesus and the future we have in heaven. Jesus told us something similar later in the gospel of John in 16:33: “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”)
- Is it *possible* to “not let our hearts be troubled” when life can sometimes be scary and hard? (Yes! The Holy Spirit will help us keep our eyes on Jesus and the future we have in heaven. All we need to do is ask!)
- Read verse 3: And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. (I always teach this verse when I teach this song.)
- What does it mean when Jesus said, “I will come back and take you to be with me”? (He didn’t just visit us briefly and then leave and abandon us. Not only did he send God the Holy Spirit to be with us at all times, he will also return and bring us with him to heaven!)
- “...that you also may be where I am.” Jesus knows how much joy we will have if we are with him, so he takes us with him so we can live with him forever! I am so very, very thankful that he is going to take me to live with him!!! (Think of having a puppy. You adore this puppy, and think about how much this puppy adores you! The puppy is soooooo sad when you leave and is soooooooooo beyond excited when you come home! Your puppy is so happy to live with you in your home, and if it ever gets lost and can’t find its way back home, it will cry and cry for you and be desperately sad. You want your puppy to be happy, so you find him, take him home, and let him live with you! You are happy, and your puppy is exceptionally happy and will sleep peacefully in the comfort and security of your home and love. Jesus loves us so much that he lets us live with him

so we can be exceptionally happy and rest peacefully in the comfort and security of Jesus' home and love! I am so thankful that Jesus will let me live with him!!)

- Read John 4:1-3.
- Ask each person to share something for which they would like prayed. Close in prayer (can be led by one person or each person can pray), specifically including everyone's prayer requests, and thanking God for inviting us to live with him and providing a way for us to get there!
- Finish by singing the song again!