

SERMON OUTLINE John 14:1-11

Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled

THE COMMAND – LET NOT YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED (1)

THE MEANS TO OBEY – BELIEVE IN GOD (2-7)

1. *It is belief that God has a mansion of blessing for everyone who trusts in Him through His Son (2a).*
2. *It is belief that Jesus is going there to prepare a place for His people (2b).*
3. *It is belief that Jesus will bring us to God's house (3a).*
4. *It is belief that we will dwell there with Father and Son forever (3b).*
5. *It is belief that Jesus has told us how to get there (4-6).*
6. *It is belief that Jesus and the Father are One (7).*

JESUS AND THE FATHER ARE ONE IN ESSENCE AND TWO IN PERSON (7-11)

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The heart of this passage—the two big ideas—are (1) A command from Jesus to not let troubles overtake you and (2) An explanation of how belief in God is the means to obey. The main takeaways for us are to (1) Carefully consider what troubles and doesn't trouble us, (2) Carefully consider how we respond to our troubles, and (3) Fight to believe the things Jesus teaches in this passage when trouble comes.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Have you ever gotten a string of bad news? That is, have you ever had a time when one thing after another went wrong; when you just couldn't seem to catch a break? If so, what did you do?
3. How often do you feel like the events of your life are out of your control?
4. When bad things happen, do you tend to ride the roller coaster of your circumstances or is there an outside principle that guides you? What has been your experience with each?
5. What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear Jesus' command, "Let not your hearts be troubled"?
6. Have you ever been tempted to let your troubles overtake you? Is it happening to you now? Do you know someone who struggles with this?
7. How do you keep your troubles from controlling you or get rid of the control that they already have?
8. Do you know anyone who claims to believe in the God of the Bible, but the god they describe is thoroughly unbiblical?
9. Which of Jesus' six aspects of God and His promises is most helpful to you in fighting back an overtaking trouble? Why?
10. Why is it good news that the Father and Son are one in essence, but two in person?
11. In what ways did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

12. What is one thing you have done or intend to do differently as a result of this text/sermon?
13. Do not let your heart be troubled. Pick one of the truths taught by Jesus to focus on as you seek to obey Jesus.
14. Share these truths of Jesus with someone in your life who is overwhelmed by trouble. Pray with them. Stay with them.
15. Believe in God and Jesus. Consider carefully what this means and why it matters. If you're not sure, ask someone.
16. Memorize the Nicene Creed.
17. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and (2) How you can pray for them.
18. Ask God to show you one specific thing you ought to do differently as a result of this text or sermon? Share that and pray about it with someone in your DG. Continue praying for and checking in with each other until you've both done it.

PRAYER POINTS

19. Adoration. Praise God for being merciful, gracious, and hospitable. Praise God that He is Father, Son, and Spirit. Praise God that He is the way, the truth, and the life. Praise God for being personal.
20. Confess. Confess any times you've allowed yourself to be overwhelmed by a troubled heart. Confess any ways you've failed to navigate your troubles through belief in God. Confess any ways you've failed to care for others in their trouble.
21. Thanksgiving. Thank God for providing a way for you to be reconciled to Him in Jesus. Thank God for preparing a place for you to dwell with Him forever. Thank God for taking your trouble.
22. Supplication. Ask God to care for you and the people in your life who are troubled. Ask God to save someone in your life.