

into  
**LIFE**  
Study guide

**FAMOUS LAST  
WORDS**  
John 14-17

John 14:1-14

For Individuals and Life Groups

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## ***Introduction:***

Just before he died, silent film star, Charlie Chaplin was being prayed over by a priest (no this is not a joke). The priest said, "May the Lord have mercy on your soul." To which Chaplin replied, "Why not? It belongs to him."

When people are in their last days, we often will hang on their words, looking for meaning in what has been said. In the life of Jesus, before he was unjustly executed, he shared with his closest followers some of those thoughts they would need to hang on to for encouragement and direction.

Life can come at us in ways that seem unfair or even cruel. Where do we turn to for wisdom and hope when we are devastated and unsure of the way forward?



## **Into the scriptures**

Listening exercise: As a group, sit and listen to John 13-17 in a quiet relaxed setting. A version of this is available at <https://www.bible.com/bible/111/jhn.13>. There is a little speaker icon that will open up the player and even allow you to download it.

Before you listen to it, spend a couple of minutes in silence before God waiting on him.

Play the audio of the text and after, ask the following questions.

How would I have felt if I was one of the disciples?

What did I hear as I listened to this whole section?

What distracted me as I listened?

What words of encouragement did I hear from this exercise?

Close with another two minutes of silence.

Read: John 14:1-14

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...)

What promises does Jesus make in this passage?



## Into my life

How can I trust in God even while I am going through circumstances that cause me worry and stress?

Is the promise of heaven in this passage a motivator for you? Why or why not? Are there any things that you are involved in that distract you from this promise from Jesus? What do you need to do about them? (Pray for each other in this)

How will I be different this week because of what I've just read?

Other Application Questions:

Is there something to worship or thank God for?

Is there a promise to claim or a truth to believe?

Is there something I am convicted about that I need to work on?

Is there something or someone I need to pray for this week? (Be specific)

Is there any relationship I need to work on?



## Into the world



What "greater" things might Jesus be calling you to as a group?



### Prayer List



### Challenge for the week:



### More Resources for personal and group use:



24-7-3 reading plan. For the next seven weeks read 3 chapters in John each day. When you finish the book start from the beginning.



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We believe that God changes lives!



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By...

...becoming an increasingly healthy, vibrant and effective witness for Jesus in Prince George and around the world!

We do this by engaging in three things:



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### GROUPS

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### GO

Serving in the church and community to present Jesus to the world