



2011

Go And Make Disciples

The Cross and Beyond

Lesson 12: Farewell

Scripture

Matthew 26:30
 Mark 14:26
 John 14-17

Memory Verse

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me."
 John 14:6 (NLT)

Lesson Goals

Understand that Jesus knew He was about to die.

Understand that Jesus was preparing His disciples for His death.

Understand that loving God means obeying Him.

The following is a summary of the Bible story to help supplement your preparation. In your personal study time, use this summary as a guide, and make notes to help you remember your plans for the lesson. Please do **NOT** read to the children.

If you knew you only had a few more hours to live,* what would you do? Who would you visit? What would you say? Well, our lesson today focuses on exactly what Jesus did, who He visited with and what He said only hours before He was crucified.

Remember, Jesus and eleven of the disciples (minus Judas Iscariot) are still in the upper room where Jesus washed their feet and ate the Passover meal with them. After their discussion of who was the greatest, Jesus warned them that they would all turn away from Him. Then, He comforted them.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled," Jesus said. "I am returning to heaven to prepare a place just for you. Then, I will come back for you so that you can be with Me," Jesus told them. "You know the way to the place where I am going." (John 14:4 NIV) But Thomas didn't seem to know where Jesus was going nor did he seem to know the way. "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" (John 14:6 NIV)

Then, Jesus told His disciples that anyone who has faith in Him will do what He had been doing. "In fact, he will do even greater things." (John 14:12a NIV) How is that possible? How can His followers do greater things than Jesus did? Jesus explained, "That is because I am going to the Father." (John 14:12b NIV) You might be wondering what Jesus going to the Father has to do with His followers doing greater things than He did. Jesus told them. "But what I'm about to tell you is true. It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Friend will not come to help you. But if I go, I will send Him to you." (John 16:7 NIV) The Friend that Jesus mentioned sending is also called the Helper. He is just like Jesus except that He comes to live in us, not just walk beside us. "The Friend is the Holy Spirit." (John 14:26 NIV) The Holy Spirit is sent to everyone who chooses to follow Jesus. He teaches all things and reminds of what Jesus has said.

Jesus also told them that if they loved Him, they would obey what He commands. And then, within the space of a short conversation, Jesus repeated that same thought four more times! (John 14:15, 21, 23, 31, John 15:14) "Anyone who loves Me will obey My teaching. . . Anyone who does not love Me will not obey My teaching." (John 14:23-24 NIV)

Jesus encouraged His disciples, again, not to let their hearts be troubled. "And don't be afraid," He said. "I leave my peace with you. I give my peace to you. I do not give it to you as the world does." (John 14:27 NIV)

Then, Jesus and His disciples sang a hymn together and left the room they were in. They headed toward the Mount of Olives.

Application

So how does all of this, these last moments of Jesus' life, apply to your life? Oh my, it applies in so many ways! Everything Jesus shared with the disciples He is sharing with us. It is all timely for your life, today.

You are to trust God and not worry about the future.

You should obey God if you love Him.

You should stay connected to God the way a vine stays connected to a branch if a bunch of grapes is going to grow.

You are to love each other just like Jesus loved you.

You are to share Jesus with others.

And you should be doing greater things than Jesus because of the Friend (Holy Spirit) living in you!

How are you doing?

Are you thinking that you're not so sure about this Friend we have been talking about? He comes to those who choose to follow Jesus. Is that you? Don't you want it to be?! Let's talk!

As they walked through the city of Jerusalem, Jesus continues talking to them. He had a lot that He wanted to share with them in these last hours before His crucifixion. He talked about growing grapes and compared that to a relationship with God. Jesus said, "You can't do anything without me." (John 15:5 Nlrv) Jesus also said, "when you bear a lot of fruit, it brings glory to My Father. It shows that you are My disciples." (John 15:8 Nlrv)

What do you remember from our last lesson about others knowing when we are disciples, or followers, of Jesus? "If you love one another, everyone will know you are My disciples," Jesus said. (John 13:35 Nlrv) Jesus talked about how much He loved these men that God have given Him. And then He reminded the disciples, "Here is My command. Love each other, just as I have loved you. No one has greater love than the one who gives his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command." (John 15:12-14 Nlrv) Jesus was very clear with His disciples that not everyone would love them. The world would hate them because it hated Jesus first, but they were responsible for their love of God and sharing that love with others. Jesus shared this difficult truth with them so they wouldn't go down the wrong path. (John 16:1)

Jesus knew that His disciples would be sad that He was leaving. He reminded them, "But I will see you again. Then you will be full of joy. And no one will take your joy away." (John 16:22 Nlrv) Jesus told them these things so that they would know the truth and have peace. "In this world you will have trouble," He said. "But cheer up! I have won the battle over the world." (John 16:33 Nlrv)

"After Jesus said this, He looked toward heaven and prayed." (John 17:1 Nlrv) Jesus prayed for Himself, that God would glorify Him so that He could in turn glorify God. Jesus prayed, "Give Me the glory I had with You before the world began." (John 17:5 Nlrv) Then Jesus prayed for His disciples. Jesus had shown these disciples who God is. He had given them the words God had given Him and they had accepted them. These men were aware that Jesus had come from God. Jesus prayed, "Keep them safe so they can be one, just as You and I are one. . . The world has hated them. This is because they are not part of the world any more than I am. I do not pray that You will take them out of the world. I pray that You will keep them safe from the evil one. . . Use the truth to make them holy. Your word is truth." (John 17:11b, 14b-15, 17 Nlrv) And then, Jesus did an amazing thing. He prayed for all of us who will one day believe because of the message the disciples shared after Jesus' death and resurrection! Can you believe it? Jesus prayed for you almost 2,000 years ago! Are you wondering what He prayed? Jesus prayed, "Father, I pray that all of them will be one, just as You are in Me and I am in You. I want them also to be in Us. Then the world will believe that You have sent Me." (John 17:20-21 Nlrv)

* If you are teaching younger students, you might prefer to begin the discussion with the following question: "If you knew you were moving and might never return to the place where you live now . . .

Preparing for the Next Lesson

Jesus is Betrayed and Denied



Preschool Lesson

Teachers:

Bring a picture of praying hands.

After Jesus and His disciples ate their special meal, they left the room where they ate and walked to the Mount of Olives. This was outside of the city walls and across the valley.

Jesus told His disciples many things and then He prayed. Jesus prayed for three different things. Jesus prayed for Himself. Jesus prayed for His disciples. Jesus prayed for all believers.

Jesus prayed for Himself, that God would glorify Him so that He could glorify God. To glorify means to praise and honor something or someone. Jesus wanted God to honor Him so that He could honor God. Jesus wanted to worship and adore God. Jesus prayed, "Give Me the glory I had with You before the world began." (John 17:5 NIV) Jesus wanted the same worship as when He was in heaven before He was born as a baby in the manger.

Then Jesus prayed for His disciples. Jesus showed these disciples who God is. He told them what God said to Him. The disciples believed Jesus. They accepted what He said. They believed He is the Son of God. Jesus prayed for their safety. He also prayed that they would get along with each other. Jesus prayed that God would use the truth of the Bible to dedicate them to God. They were not supposed to be like everyone else. (Neither are you!) They were supposed to be like God. (You, too!)

And then, Jesus did an amazing thing. He prayed for everyone who will one day believe in Him. We can believe because the disciples shared. The disciples heard the truth about Jesus. Then they told other people about Jesus who told other people until one day, we heard about Jesus. Can you believe it? Jesus prayed this almost 2,000 years ago! He prayed for me! Did He pray for you? Do you believe in Jesus because you heard someone tell you about Him? Have you given your life to Him?

Are you wondering what Jesus prayed? He prayed, "Father, I pray that all of them will get along with each other and work together, just like You and I have. Then everyone will believe that you have sent Me." (John 17:20-21)



Activities

- Memory Verse Activity - Provide the outlines of street signs. Print the memory verse inside of the outline. Be sure to remember the reference.
- Encourage your students to fill out the journal/note page found on page 8. This can be used during the story to help focus your students or after the story as a review.
- Bring grapes for the snack.
- Encourage your students to reenact the story.
- Sing “His Banner Over Me Is Love” (with a vine and branches verse) or another song related to the lesson. Talk about the disciples and Jesus singing together before they left the upper room.
- Make bunches of grapes and talk about John 15:1-5.
- Find Jerusalem on a map. Provide a more detailed map of Jerusalem and find a path from the upper room to the Mount of Olives.
- Read John 14-16. Make a list of the different names used for the Holy Spirit. Make another list of the “work” of the Holy Spirit, or the things He does when He comes into our lives.
- Dig Deeper: Read John 15:1-2. Talk about the differences and similarities of cutting off branches and pruning branches. Cutting off and pruning branches both remove the branches. Cutting off branches is for removing branches with no life or that are not bearing fruit. Pruning branches is done with a purpose, to encourage more growth where growth is already happening.
- Pose this question to your students, “Have you ever been worried about the future?” Read John 14-16 (especially John 14:1-6, 16-19, 27-29, 16:5-7, 33) to find out how Jesus answers our worries.

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Trace the letters.

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Focus on the Story

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