

# Membership Covenant

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## A Guide for Spiritual Formation

Text for the Week: John 14:1-14

Message for the Week: Greater Things

Sunday, February 11

### Opening:

What is one low (a bad thing) and one high (a good thing) that happened to you this past week?  
Write them down and take turns sharing them with the others in your group.

Where have you seen the work of the Holy Spirit in your life this past week?

Who do you try to be like? Is he/she a worthy person to be like?

### Preparation:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with God to center and prepare yourself for your time with God today.

### Read:

Read / Have two people in your group read [John 14:1-14](#) out loud.

[Clicking the link will bring you to multiple translations.]

As you read and/or listen to the text being read, circle, take note of, highlight, or underline what words, phrases, or ideas grabbed your attention and heart in these verses?

Write them down below and/or share them with those who are with you.

## **Respond / Reflect:**

1 John 5:14-15 says, “<sup>14</sup>This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.” Based on this passage, how do we approach God in order to know and understand his will?

What are the gifts we receive according to this passage?

What do we have to believe in order to do the things that Jesus did?

If the phrase “greater works” does not mean better than Jesus.....what does it mean?

How does our betrothal identity in verses 1-4 tie into verses 12-14? What role does honor or glorifying God play into this?

## **Try It:**

Try praying simply for the purpose of learning God’s will. Don’t use a list. Be with God as you be with your best friend.

## **Prayer:**

Spend time in prayer with/for the other people who are with you. Pray this prayer together:

Our gracious and loving Father, thank you for loving us so that your Son, Jesus would come to us and to your world, for the purpose of bringing your Word of hope, redemption, renewal and restoration. In Jesus we have the life, now and forevermore. The Holy Spirit fills us with your power to bring Jesus and his love to the world at large and to individuals. Inspire us to love and serve you first and to serve and love the world as your servants. In Jesus’ name and in humility to your will we pray, AMEN

## **Missional/Spiritual Practice: Gifts**

I commit to discovering, developing, and deploying the spiritual gifts God has entrusted to me for the building of the body of Christ.

I commit to using my spiritual gifts to be a witness in this world and to usher in the Kingdom of God.

## John 14:1-14

### New International Version

**14** Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God<sup>[a]</sup>; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place where I am going."

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you really know me, you will know<sup>[b]</sup> my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup> Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

<sup>9</sup> Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. <sup>11</sup> Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

### Footnotes

a. [John 14:1](#) Or *Believe in God*

b. [John 14:7](#) Some manuscripts *If you really knew me, you would know*

### The Message

**14** <sup>1-4</sup> "Don't let this rattle you. You trust God, don't you? Trust me. There is plenty of room for you in my Father's home. If that weren't so, would I have told you that I'm on my way to get a room ready for you? And if I'm on my way to get your room ready, I'll come back and get you so you can live where I live. And you already know the road I'm taking."

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said, "Master, we have no idea where you're going. How do you expect us to know the road?"

<sup>6-7</sup> Jesus said, "I am the Road, also the Truth, also the Life. No one gets to the Father apart from me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him. You've even seen him!"

<sup>8</sup> Philip said, "Master, show us the Father; then we'll be content."

<sup>9-10</sup> "You've been with me all this time, Philip, and you still don't understand? To see me is to see the Father. So how can you ask, 'Where is the Father?' Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you aren't mere words. I don't just make them up on my own. The Father who resides in me crafts each word into a divine act.

<sup>11-14</sup> "Believe me: I am in my Father and my Father is in me. If you can't believe that, believe what you see—these works. The person who trusts me will not only do what I'm doing but even greater things, because I, on my way to the Father, am giving you the same work to do that I've been doing. You can count on it. From now on, whatever you request along the lines of who I am and what I am doing, I'll do it. That's how the Father will be seen for who he is in the Son. I mean it. Whatever you request in this way, I'll do.