

**Week Five – A Secure Destiny**  
**John 14:1-7**

**Spend FIFTEEN – Day One**

1. Are you more like your mom or your dad? Explain.
2. How much influence do you think your family of origin has on your values, opinions, character development?
3. Read John 14:1-7. What did Jesus mean when He said, “If you really know me, you will know my Father as well”?
4. The Bible clearly describes a Triune God that is three distinct persons yet one true God. What divine attributes does Jesus share with God the Father?
5. How is Jesus distinct and different from God the Father?
6. Read Philippians 2:6-8. In His human nature, what did Jesus do to distinguish Himself from the Father? Why was that important?
7. Finish your FIFTEEN in prayer. Pray to live a life that lets others see God in your values and compassion.

**Spend FIFTEEN – Day Two**

8. Have you suffered through the death of someone in your immediate family in the last several years? What was your chief concern for them and for those closest to them?
9. What was their concern for you and others close to them?
10. Jesus’ arrest and crucifixion were not something tragic and unavoidable that suddenly happened to Him. Read Matthew 16:21. His disciples did not yet understand it all, but He knew what awaited Him. When did this conversation with His disciples happen? Where were they? What day was it? What happened next?
11. How would you summarize these last words to His disciples? What was Jesus’ chief concern?
12. See Revelation 21:1-7. How would you describe the place Jesus is preparing for His followers?

13. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. How should Christians feel about the death of those we love?
14. Finish your FIFTEEN in prayer. Pray for those you know who are mourning the death of loved ones. If you are grieving the loss of someone close to you, remember Jesus' love for you and ask Him to give you His comfort and peace.

**Spend FIFTEEN – Day Three**

15. Who responded to Jesus that he did not know the way to where Jesus was going? What do you know about him? See John 11:16 and John 20:25 for insight.
16. Thomas demanded truth and was not easily persuaded. Are you more or less like Thomas?
17. How was the character of Thomas beneficial to the other disciples? How is it beneficial to us?
18. What does it say about Jesus that He gathered such a diverse group of men as His disciples?
19. Jesus did not want His disciples to be troubled. Is there anything that is troubling you right now?
20. Does God understand our weaknesses and doubts? What might Jesus say to you about your troubled heart?
21. Finish your FIFTEEN in prayer. Pray for God to calm the fears and worries that trouble you and those you love.

**Spend FIFTEEN – Day Four**

22. Look again at John 14:1-7. What does it mean when Jesus told His disciples that they have seen Him, they have seen and know His Father too?
23. Some have concluded that God the Father is the God of the Old Testament and was a God of war, ritual, high-demands and no compassion. Why was the thirty-three-year life of Jesus so important in addition to the sacrifice He made for us on the cross? In other words, what other purpose did Jesus' interaction on earth accomplish?
24. Read Matthew 6:9-13. What does it mean when Jesus told His followers they should pray to "Our Father in heaven?" Why is it important to think of God in that way?
25. Others trusted in God the Father but did not see Jesus in the same way. In what ways did Jesus show He was also true

God?

26. Read Hebrews 4:14-16. Why is it important that Jesus lived and walked on earth before ascending back to heaven?
27. What does it mean to say, "Jesus sits at the right hand of God the Father in heaven?"
28. Finish your FIFTEEN in prayer. Pray to gain a great appreciation for the human and divine natures of Jesus our Savior.

**Spend FIFTEEN – Day Five**

29. Read John 10:10. How does Jesus describe the life He wants to bring us? Is that life something you must wait for or something you can enjoy even now? Explain.
30. In addition to eternity in heaven, what benefits do Christians enjoy through their faith in Jesus as their Savior?
31. Do most people believe that faith provides immediate blessings, or do you think they limit the value of faith to the time of their death?
32. Why do you think our churches are not full every single Sunday?
33. Is the church partly to blame? What could the church do to change the perception that faith is only important for the old or those in trouble?
34. Look again at John 14:6. Explain the difference between each point Jesus made when He said He was "the way, the truth and the life." How is each of these blessings different?
35. Finish your FIFTEEN in prayer. Pray for a great awareness of the value of your relationship with Jesus here and now.