

Gospel According to John 13:36 – 14:15

New American Standard Version

1 36 Simon Peter *said to Him, “Lord, where are You going?”
2 Jesus answered, “Where **I** go, you cannot follow **Me** now;
3 but you will follow later.” 37 Peter *said to Him, “Lord, why
4 can I not follow You right now? I will lay down my life for
5 You.” 38 Jesus *answered, “Will you lay down your life for
6 Me? Truly, truly, I say to you, a rooster will not crow until
7 you deny Me three times. 14:1 Do not let your heart be
8 troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My
9 **Father’s** house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I
10 **→**would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. 3 If
11 I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and
12 receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be
13 also. 4 And you know the way where I am going.” 5 Thomas
14 *said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going,
15 how do we know the way?” 6 Jesus *said to him, “I am the
16 way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father
17 but through Me. 7 If you had known Me, you would have
18 known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and
19 have seen Him.” 8 Philip *said to Him, “Lord, show us the
20 Father, and it is enough for us.” 9 Jesus *said to him, “Have
21 I been so long with you, and *yet* you have not come to know
22 Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how
23 *can* you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Do you not believe
24 that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words
25 that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the
26 Father abiding in Me does His works. 11 Believe Me that I
27 am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe
28 because of the works themselves. 12 Truly, truly, I say to
29 you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do
30 also; and greater *works* than these he will do; because I go
31 to the Father. 13 Whatever you ask in My name, that will I
32 do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you
33 ask Me anything in My name, I will do *it*. 15 “If you love
34 Me, you will keep My commandments.

Use the suggestions on the back page as a starting point for your own **Observation, Interpretation, and Application.**

Observation (What does it say?):

Circle all the references Jesus makes to **Himself.**

Box all the references Jesus makes to the **Father.**

In the margin, use an up arrow ↑ where Jesus is emphasizing the Father. Use a side arrow → where Jesus is emphasizing Himself.

Interpretation (What does it mean?):

How would you summarize the emphasis Jesus has on Himself and on the Father? How do those fit together?

How do the interactions with the three disciples relate to Jesus? How do His responses relate to His emphasis on the Father?

What are the options Jesus gives in line 26-28 about belief? Why does he express it that way?

What is the cause and effect in line 30, when He says “...because...”?

What conditions does Jesus list for prayer in lines 28-34?

Application (What does it mean for me?):

How might this passage affect how you relate to Jesus? Specifically, how might it affect your prayers?

Inductive Bible Study

(A few general ideas)

Observation (What does it say?)

What facts do you **observe** about the passage that help bring out the writer's thought process?

- Who are the people involved?
- What action takes place?
- What type of literature is it (poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or left out?
- Are any unusual words used?
- Is there symbolic language?
- What is the grammar of the passage (pronouns, prepositions, verb tenses)?
- Are words or ideas repeated?
- Any comparisons or contrasts?
- Any cause and effect?
- Are there indications of purpose (“in order that...”)?
- Are there conclusions (“Therefore...”)?
- Are there explanations?
- Does the passage logically break into sections?
- How would you summarize the passage?
- What would be a good “headline” for the passage?

Interpretation (What does it mean?)

What questions come to mind about the facts that would help you **interpret** the meaning?

- How would the original readers have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why does the writer use repetition, or contrast, or unusual words?
- What does the grammar or structure of the passage reveal about the writer's thought pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in the passage?
- How are different ideas in the passage connected?
- Are there any new ideas or concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the passage?

Application (What does it mean for me?)

What is the impact on your life? What **application** does the Holy Spirit want to show you?

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to worship?
- Is there an example to follow?

Read nothing into the Scriptures, but draw everything from them, and suffer nothing to remain hidden that is really in them. – J.A. Bengel (1687-1752)