

Peace in a troubled world
For the week of April 14 – 20

Big Question for the week: How do you retain joy in times of pain? Peace in times trouble?

Day 1: John 14:1 – 14

Two questions to ponder:

The word 'trouble' bookends Jesus' talk – Jesus begins by encouraging trust. He concludes by promising peace. How might this impact the tone of Jesus' words?
How do Jesus' words include both future & present aspects?

Day 2: John 14:15 – 31

Three questions to ponder:

What is surprising about Jesus' words here?
In what does Jesus' ground His gift of peace?
As you think about what worldly peace means, how are Jesus' words pointing to a different kind of peace?

Day 3: John 15:1 – 17

Three questions to ponder:

What phrases and themes are continued from chapter 14?
How is expanding on the connection of the Father, the Son and the believer?
Do you feel like God's friend?

Day 4: John 15:18 – 16:4

Four questions to ponder:

What stark warning does Jesus offer here?
Have you ever experienced the world's hate?
Should Christians welcome persecution? What perspective do these verses seem to suggest?

Day 5: John 16:5 – 33

Three question to ponder:

What things do you ask God that He does not seem to give?
How do you focus on joy in place of trouble?
Who are people that might help you do this?

Prayer: we might keep in view the victory of the empty tomb.