

## TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IHOP BIBLE STUDY

### Topic: John 13: 1 to 14: 14 “The Lessons”

NOTE: This is our fifth—and last— major section of the Summary Chart of John’s Gospel. This chart is available elsewhere on our website. Today’s session is the first of five studies in this section called “Death as the fulfillment of the Work of God.” This last section is under the larger banner of “Illuminating the Work of Jesus As The Word.”

- I. Read the assignment in one reading.

The next eight chapters form the keystone in John’s argument concerning the work of baptism, and the ministry of Jesus as The Logos. (The Word or The Good News that All IS GOOD, THE PRESENT MOMENT IS RECEIVED AS A PRECIOUS GIFT. THE PAST FORGOTTEN, and THE FUTURE OPEN; **The Anointed One who works to demonstrate that death is not the winner. Faith in Jesus Christ is the winner!**)

As explored in the last two sessions, in particular the raising of Lazarus, John’s Gospel tells us this message over and over again. Each time it is told, the events are more elaborate. The message is—to experience what is happening, you go through Jesus, because he is in touch with his Inner Cathedral that is within each of us.

### THE PASSOVER- 13 1 - 17

It is not accidental that The Passover is used as the setting for the final events of Jesus’ life. The Jewish Passover of death in Egypt is the event that killed all the first born of the Egyptians. To symbolize their obedience to God, the Jews put “The Blood of the Lamb” on their doorposts. When “death past over,” the Jews were spared. The result was their freedom from slavery and the beginning of the Jewish People of God.

In light of John’s gospel, The Jewish Passover is a foretelling or foreshadowing of the Passover of Death that demonstrates our Christian freedom from slavery to this world, and our beginning as the Christian People of God.

### GLORIFICATION 13: 31, 32

As previously explained last week, the term “glorification” is the experience of being fully in touch with our spiritual resources. To support this assumption, ask the question “What was our experience when we were last in touch with our spiritual resources? The experience we had is being in touch with God’s presence in our life with The Perfect At-One-Ment.

### THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 14: 13 - 31

The “Holy Spirit” is the “wake up call.” It awakens us to our experience of tapping into our Inner Cathedrals and our Altars of Spiritual Resources that is given to all of us. Jesus demonstrates the power of being in touch with these resources.

### QUESTIONS TO EXPLORE

***Don’t get lost in the familiarity of these verses because Christians remember these events in Scripture, it is no sign we can relate them to our experience. The danger is to allow our familiarity to trick us into “Head Trip Analysis.” Keep in mind that John’s purpose is to demonstrate that baptism is the way we die to the world, and the way we experience a bodily resurrection into the spirit world. John is setting the stage for the final demonstration of what our baptism is all about.***

1. In verse 13: 2, there is that pesky word “the devil.” When we experience “evil,” or “the devil,” as the Great Lie and The Liar, then what happened to Judas Iscariot, and how did Jesus know it? (13: 18 – 30.)
2. From 13: 5 to 17 is the episode of Jesus demonstrating The Washing. In light of John’s purpose, what is the significance of this act of servanthood?
3. In light of John’s purpose, what is the significance of 14: 1 to 14? This is about Jesus preparing a place for his disciples. What is the place to which Jesus refers? (Remember, that only rarely does our faith relate to objects rather than experience or relationships.)
4. How is Jesus the way to this place? 14: 5 – 14? (Or relationship?)
5. What is the significance of the statement, “The world can not accept him [the Counselor], because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you?” 14: 17b.