



January 24, 2016 | John 14:8-14

Discuss: Have you ever wished you could just see God up close? Why or why not?

Who are you praying to?

Read John 14:8–14.

[Q] Philip asks a great question. What evidence does Jesus offer to Philip to help him trust Jesus?

[Q] Describe the unity between God the Son and God the Father from this week's passage:

Definition of the Trinity: Within the one Being that is God, there exist eternally three coequal and coeternal Persons, namely, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

This vital truth guarantees the gospel, the Resurrection, and our approach to God in prayer.

James R. White, Author, Theology Professor, Apologist

[Q] Why is the unity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit important? What would God be like if they were not unified?

The apostles would not necessarily do more stupendous miracles than Jesus did but their outreach would be greater (e.g., Peter in one sermon had 3,000 converts). This was possible because Jesus had gone to the Father and had sent the Spirit.

[Q] Can you give some examples of the truth of Jesus' statement in verse 12?

What are you asking for?

[Q] How does the Son bring glory to the Father (John 14:13)?

What does it mean to ask in Christ's name? To ask anything of the Father, in the name of Jesus, means that we ask what Jesus would ask, what would please Him, and what would bring Him glory by furthering His work.

Warren Wiersbe, *Bible Exposition Commentary*

[Q] How do you know what Jesus would ask or what would please Him?

[Q] What are the implications for your time spent with Him in His Word?

[Q] What happens to prayers that are out of His will and purposes?

[Q] Does asking in Jesus' name affect any prayer requests you are currently making? If so, how?

How are you asking?

[Q] Read Hebrews 4:16. What are you confident about when you come to Him?

[Q] Approaching our holy God on the throne also necessitates humility. Read Matthew 6:5-13. Where do you see humility in Jesus' lesson on prayer?

[Q] What difference will this study make in your life this week? Be specific.

Pray

Next week: John 14:15-30; 16:5-16.