

# STUDY GUIDE

September 14

## STAY IN THE LOOP

*Announcements*



- Join us for our carnival on Sunday, September 21 after church. Fun for the whole family with free BBQ, popcorn and a bouncy castle! (Winchester)
- Join our Understanding the Bible class on Wednesdays at 6:15pm, starting September 24. This 10-week course will equip you to engage with God's Word. Register on ChurchCentre. (Kemptville)

## START WITH PRAYER

*Use this Prayer Prompt*

Thank God for his unconditional love for us. Pray for courage to confess honestly before God. Pray for open eyes to see how God can use our past struggles for His greater purposes.

## STUDY THE BIBLE

*Think through and discuss your reactions as you read through Scripture:*

**John 14: 11-21**

## STIR UP DISCUSSION

*How does this week's teaching affect me personally?*

1. What do you think Jesus meant when He said we would do “greater things” than Him? How does that shape your understanding of your calling?
2. How can confession (being honest about who we are before God) lead to greater freedom rather than shame?
3. Brennan Manning wrote, “My Father is very fond of me.” What would change in your life if you truly believed this?
4. What past experiences, even painful ones, might God want to redeem and use as a blessing for others in your life or community?
5. Where in your life do you need to shift from dissatisfaction to gratitude? How could this posture open you up to God's transforming work?

## STEP INTO ACTION

*Let's try to apply this by taking some Next Steps.*

1. **Practice Confession Honestly.** Take time this week to name one area of struggle or failure before God in prayer—not to shame yourself, but to experience the freedom of being fully known and fully loved.
2. **Embrace Gratitude Daily.** Each day, write down (or speak out loud) one thing about your current life - good or hard - that you can thank God for, trusting He can redeem every part of your story.
3. **Use Your “Superpower” for Others.** Identify one struggle, weakness, or past failure that God has redeemed in your life, and look for a way this week to encourage or support someone going through something similar.