

STUDY GUIDE

September 7

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)
- In a world that loves indulgence and excess, let's take a fresh step and surrender our lives to God. Join us Thursdays at 6pm as we grow together in the Practice of Fasting, starting Sept 18. Register online. (Kemptville)

START WITH PRAYER

Use this Prayer Prompt

Thank God that in Jesus we see the Father - He has revealed Himself clearly and personally. Pray for open eyes and hearts to recognize God's presence in our daily lives, even in ordinary moments. Pray for courage and clarity to step into the "greater things" God is calling us to, both individually and as a church.

STUDY THE BIBLE

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

John 14: 8-9, 20

Hebrews 1:3

Ephesians 3:20-21

STIR UP DISCUSSION

How does this week's teaching affect me personally?

1. Philip asked Jesus to “show us the Father.” Why do you think it was hard for him to recognize God in Jesus, even after walking with him for years? How might we also miss seeing God in our daily lives?
2. Jesus said, “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father” (John 14:9). What specific qualities of Jesus’ life and ministry reveal what God is like? Which of these qualities are you most drawn to right now?
3. The sermon talked about how we sometimes chase after things like success, comfort, or approval instead of seeking God himself. What are some “substitutes” you’ve been tempted to look to for fulfillment? How does recognizing Jesus as “the better” shift your perspective?
4. In John 14:20, Jesus says, “I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.” What does this truth mean for how you see yourself? How does it change the way you face challenges or opportunities?
5. The series is called Greater Things. What do you think “greater things” could look like in your life, your family, or your community if you fully embraced being united with Jesus?

STEP INTO ACTION

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

1. **Fix your focus on Jesus.** Spend intentional time this week reading the Gospels and asking, “What does this show me about who God is?”
2. **Listen for the nudge.** Pay attention to where you sense God stirring you toward “greater things” and write it down, even if it feels small or uncertain.

3. ***Take one step of obedience.*** Act on a simple next step (serving, inviting, praying for someone, starting a conversation) that allows God to work through you.