

Gospel of John – The Parable of Joy  
Chapters 14 and 15

Read Proverbs 8. What came to mind as you read it, especially the verses towards the end?

John 14:1-14

1. ‘You believe in God, believe in Me as well.’ (1)
  - 1.1. Jesus equates Himself with God. Now you can’t really believe in God without believing in Christ.
2. ‘I am going to prepare a place for you.’ (2)
  - 2.1. This has strong tie-ins with the Jewish wedding feast.
  - 2.2. He is going away to prepare a place so He can come back for us. (3)
3. ‘I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life’ (6)
  - 3.1. Jesus says He is the only way to God. There is no other.
  - 3.2. People may refuse this teaching but they cannot say that Jesus left open any other ways.
4. “...then believe because of the works.” (11)
  - 4.1. It seems the disciples still struggled with Jesus being one with God.
  - 4.2. Jesus appeals to the works He did. We should always remember the works He has done in our lives. They are our milestones.
5. “If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.” (14)
  - 5.1. Many opinions about this verse.

John 14:15-31

1. In verse 15 Jesus equates loving Him with keeping His commands. Why would he say that? How does that play out in our daily lives?
2. “...send another Comforter.” (16)
  - 2.1. The Holy Spirit. The least understood person of the Trinity.
  - 2.2. The world does not have the power to recognize Him.
3. Judas’ question in verse 22 is an interesting one.
4. Verse 26 shows us two of the roles of the Holy Spirit that would help the disciples. He would teach them everything and would bring to mind the things they had been told.

John 15:1-16:4

1. We see two types of trimming here:
  - 1.1. For those branches that produce fruit he trims clean so they will produce much fruit.
  - 1.2. Trimming off every branch in Him that does not produce fruit. What does that mean?
    - 1.2.1. Does verse 6 tie-in with this?
2. Verse 12 shows Jesus giving the command to Love one another as He loved us.

3. In verse 18 we see His teaching on the world hating Him and His teaching. Therefore it will hate us.
4. In 16:4, Jesus says he told them this truth now because he would be with them anymore.
  - 4.1. He wanted them to remember and be prepared for what was to come.