

GREATER WORKS?

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Get a Grip & Get a Life // Preparing for Departure // John 14:7-14

CONNECT – Announcements (page 2) & Building Relationships

1. Is there anything noteworthy going on in your life since last week? Where have you seen God at work in your life or the lives of others?
2. What's something you thought you'd be great at... until you actually tried it?
3. What's something you admire about someone else in our group that enables you to see God's work through that person?

REFLECT - Out of the Word and Into Our Lives

4. Read John 14:7-14 [have someone read it aloud for group time]. What stood out to you in the sermon this week and what did God reveal to you in His Word, maybe for the first time?
5. What assumptions, baggage, or cultural ideas might distort our view of God? How can we grow in knowing Him truly?
6. Can you recall a time when you had questions about the Bible or the things of God that you kept to yourself for fear of seeming dumb? How can we cultivate a culture where it's safe for disciples to be made no matter how much familiarity they may have with these things?
7. Jesus modeled what it was like for our words and works to be in perfect harmony with our heavenly Father. When are we tempted to separate what we say about God from how we live, and how can we better pursue a life where our words and works become more authentic?
8. While we don't doubt that we *should* be accomplishing greater works than Jesus accomplished in His earthly ministry per His promise in John 14:12, how do you think the modern church is measuring up in this? Are we accomplishing greater works? If yes, how so? If not, what's holding us back?
9. Read the Lord's Prayer together from Matthew 6:9-13. How does Jesus' instruction on prayer there (especially v. 10) help us understand His instruction in John 14:13-14 about asking "in My name?"

PROTECT – Care for one another (divided, gender-specific groups)

10. Jesus created an environment where His disciples didn't have to be afraid of asking questions. We want an environment like that here, as growth comes from being honest about what we don't yet understand. Is there any particular area about God, Jesus, or faith where you're wrestling with doubt or uncertainty? How can we as a group support you?
11. What's one "greater work" you sense the Lord prompting you or our group or our church toward right now, and how can we encourage one another to step out in faith?
12. Who around you needs to see God's love in action this week?



Pray together for any requests your group might have and pray specifically that God would be glorified as we step out in faith to pursue the greater works He's calling us to. As Jesus instructs us in our passage this week – ask in His name, knowing that He will do it!

Announcements

We're partnering with fellow churches in our neck of the woods for **ServeNC**. Most projects will be occurring on August 9, though a few offer alternative days. Teams will serve that morning, and we'll come together for a closing celebration and meal at Grace Baptist Church at 1:30pm. We'd love to see all of our folks pitching in. There are a variety of project options that offer individuals of all ages and stages a chance to pitch in and show the love of Christ in practical ways as we serve our neighbors. Check out projects and sign up for the project(s) of your choice at <https://nvf.life/snc/>. If you need help signing up or have questions, contact us in the church office: admin@nvf.life or 336.427.6264. The DEADLINE for registration is this coming Sunday (7/27). Please register and join us!

Next week is our final week of Life Groups for Trimester 2 of 2025. Our third trimester will kick off on September 8. If you need to change your Life Group for the coming trimester (take a break due to some circumstance, find another group that is a better fit for any reason), please let your Life Group Leaders know so that we can make adjustments for others searching for a group.

Individual Options for Going Deeper

Take a look at this article from GotQuestions that explores what Moses saw when he made a similar request to Phillip from our passage this week:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/did-Moses-see-God.html>