Who is Jesus? The Gospel of John December 20th, 2020 Gabe Garcia, New City Church, Oakland gabeg@nccoakland.org

Comfort for Troubled Hearts (John 14:1-14)

Main Point: Troubled hearts find comfort in God & His promises

Believe in God

Follow the Way

Get to Work

Three Ways to Strengthen Belief in Troubled Times

#1.

#2.

#3.

For Further Thought and Discussion:

Getting Started:

- 1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
- 2. All of us live with "troubled hearts" to some extent. How has the uniqueness of 2020 made you more aware of the realities of living in a world impacted by the Fall?

Going Deeper:

- 3. With troubled hearts, Jesus calls his disciples to believe in God (John 14:1). What exactly is Jesus calling them to believe? And how is this belief meant to strengthen or guide his disciples during challenging times?
- 4. Jesus pulls back the veil to give His disciples a picture of how He is working (John 14:2-3). How is this gospel promise meant to comfort the troubled hearts of his disciples? How does it comfort us today?
- 5. How does Jesus' statement about being "the way, and the truth, and the life" fit within the context of this passage?
- 6. Even during troubled times, Jesus is calling his disciples to engage in the mission of God. (John 14:12-14). How are the works that Jesus accomplished meant to be carried out by his people today? Why are these works greater? How does prayer fit into this mission?

Application:

- 7. Gabe challenged us to participate in God's mission through prayer. Who is the "one" person or family that you want to commit to pray for? Will you pray that God will not only work in their lives but work through you?
- 8. As a growing faith community that lives in a world impacted by sin, why is it important to meditate on gospel promises and also speak gospel promises to one another?
- 9. What's one thing you can do this week to apply this passage?