

LIFE GROUP GUIDE

John 14:1-6

14 *"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. ² There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? ³ When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going."*

5 *"No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?"*

6 *Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."*

HOME

Have you ever found yourself on an epic trip/journey, yet still longing for home?

Have you ever found yourself in this life enjoying what life has to offer, yet longing for something more?

"If I find in myself desires which nothing in this world can satisfy, the only logical explanation is that I was made for another world." – CS Lewis

What do you think CS Lewis means by the above quote?

Can you personally identify with this statement? If so, how?

EXPECTATIONS

Jesus' followers had expectations that Jesus would overthrow the Roman government and establish His kingdom on earth at that time. They misunderstood what Jesus was up to and were prone to doubt, confusion, and to lose heart.

Jesus says to them, *"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me."*

Are there any areas of your faith journey where you are prone to doubt and confusion because things aren't going according to your expectations, and you need to hear these words of Jesus?

I AM THE WAY

There is a great chasm between you and home, between you and soul level communion with your Creator. Our culture conditions us to believe the answer to bridge that chasm to rest for our souls is found in ... more money, better job, another city, more success, better relationships, better _____.

What are you looking to in order to find rest for your soul?

What are your thoughts about this statement: "It is delusional to think that the way to deep and abundant life is more of what we already have that isn't working."?

I AM THE TRUTH

Our culture sets truth aside as relative and not absolute, and says that faith is a matter of taste or even tradition. To a culture that sees faith as a matter of whatever works for you or whatever is most acceptable around you, Jesus says faith is a matter of truth.

Logic would lead us to believe that two contradicting statements cannot both be true.

Do I / Does our culture embrace contradictory truth claims about the existence of God? About the claims of Jesus?

What do you believe about Jesus' claim to be the Truth, and with Him to reveal the truth about God? If you believe Jesus, why?

Jesus not only claimed to be the Truth, but also predicted that He would die and raise from the dead. What evidence do the scriptures provide to substantiate that He fulfilled this claim?

I AM THE LIFE

Do you believe the commands of God are meant to lead us into abundant life and flourishing for our souls?

Do you approach God's Word and commands with this mentality?

What does John 10:10 say about Jesus' intent for our lives?

Have you ever tried to rationalize right standing with God by arguing you are morally better than someone else?

The 10 Commandments (Exodus 20): Are they meant to be a ladder for us to get to God or a mirror to expose our need for a Savior (our need for a righteousness that is not our own)?

Do you fall short of your own standards for yourself? If you are open to being vulnerable, how so?

For those who do not trust in their own righteousness, but instead in the righteousness Jesus offers to us (Romans 3:19-24), the Colossians 1:22 says the Father sees us as holy, blameless and free from accusation. Have you ever understood this is how God sees you?

Read Psalm 32. Have you ever experienced the weight of conviction and the freedom of confession?

ONLY WAY HOME

In a culture that breathes the air of relativism, Jesus' statement to be the only way home is incredibly controversial.

Consider Jesus' statement in these terms. If you have an emergency, what number do you dial? If you dial any other number, will you reach the emergency responders which you need in that moment?

Given the way throughout the meta-narrative of the scriptures that man has rebelled against God, how amazing is it that God has provided a way through the offering up of His one and only Son that we might find a way Home to the Father through faith in Jesus?

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. – John 3