

Tips and Tricks:

The sermon notes are designed to be used as a guide for discussion. Don't feel like you have to use every question. Some questions will take a while to work through and others will be over in a few seconds.

1. Don't teach the lesson. The sermon was just preached. Just ask the questions and let everyone else talk.
2. Let other people ask questions. It's OK to go "off topic" for a while. Sometimes those conversations are more interesting anyway!
3. Have fun. Don't forget to laugh and crack up. Relationships, not curriculum, are the heartbeat of our ministry. Remember: We have to build a relational bridge strong enough to hold the truth!

Agenda for Group Time

1. Ice Breaker - Lighthearted ice breaker question (10 minutes)
2. Discussion - Bible study, sharing and application. (25 Minutes)
3. Prayer - Pray together (5 minutes)
4. Planning - Remember to talk about what's coming up.

Icebreaker

What's a trip or move you've taken that felt like a big life transition?

Talk it Over

Read **John 14:1-14** together as a group.

Have everyone share one word or phrase from the passage that stands out to them.

Jesus speaks into troubled hearts.

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me." (John 14:1)

Question: What kinds of things tend to trouble people's hearts today? What tends to trouble *your* heart?

Jesus is The Way

Thomas asked, "How can we know the way?"

Jesus answered, "I am the way..."

Question: Where do people today look for "the way" to a good life?

- Career success
- Being a good parent
- Self-improvement / productivity
- Money and security
- Spirituality without Jesus
- Other: _____

Question: What is the difference between Jesus showing a way and Jesus *being* the Way?

Jesus is The Truth

Question: What are some common lies people believe about God?

- God is distant and uninvolved
- God just wants people to be happy
- God will accept anyone no matter what
- God could never forgive someone like me
- Other: _____

Question: How does looking at Jesus help correct those misunderstandings?

Jesus is The Life

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life.”
(John 14:6)

Question: Where do people usually try to find “life” or meaning?

- Relationships
- Achievements
- Experiences / travel
- Comfort and entertainment
- Being needed by others
- Other: _____

Question: What do you think it means that eternal life is found in a *Person*, not a path?

Jesus promises continued work through His people.

“Whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do...” (John 14:12)

Question: What kinds of “works” do you think Jesus means here?

Jesus invites us to pray in His name.

“Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do...” (John 14:13)

Question: What do you think it means to ask for something *in Jesus’ name*?

- Ending a prayer with certain words
- Asking for things that reflect Jesus’ character and mission
- Asking for whatever we personally want
- Other: _____

Question: How could this change the way we pray?

Work It Out

Because Jesus is **the Way, the Truth, and the Life**, one way I want to trust or follow Him more this week is: