

## PERSONAL REFLECTION GUIDE

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At Southland Church, we are committed to help you KNOW Christ, LIVE like Him, and make Him KNOWN. This guide is designed to help you reflect on and apply what you learned from the sermon this weekend. Use this guide as a quiet time this week. Write your answers in a journal, with the date and main passage noted at the top of the page.

- What main point from the sermon stood out to you? What did the Holy Spirit convict you of or encourage you with?
- Many people believe there's lots of ways to God, but Christians believe there is one way – Jesus. Why do you think this is offensive to people? Why is it hard to believe?
- **Read John 14:1-7.** Jesus begins by telling His disciples to not be troubled. What has Jesus been saying that might trouble His followers? (see **John 13:31-38**)
- How does Jesus say to fight the urge to be troubled? (**vv. 1-3**)
- How might these words comfort you in your troubles?
- Read **Acts 4:11-12** and **1 Timothy 2:5-6**. How are these passages related to John 14:6? What is the theme that unites them?
- If Jesus is the only way to God, what does that tell you about God?
- What might a non-believer think about God if this claim is true?
- Many people – outside the Christian faith – say that the claim that Jesus is the only way to God is not only “intolerant” but also “prideful.” How would you respond to these assertions gently and respectfully? Write out your answer as you would say it to the other person.
- Pastor Tim Keller once said that “All religions are exclusive, but Christianity is the most inclusive exclusivity there is.” How do you understand this phrase? Do you agree? Why or why not?
- Take a few moments to think of someone you know who doesn't have a saving relationship with Jesus. Pray the Holy Spirit will open that person's heart to the Gospel, and make a specific plan on how you'll start a discussion with him/her.
- Based on this passage or the sermon, what is one step of obedience the Holy Spirit is leading you towards this week. Who will you tell about this step, in order to help you?

## LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

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Southland Church is committed to helping parents raise the next generation of disciples who KNOW Christ, LIVE like Him, and make Him KNOWN. This guide is meant to help you as a family, particularly those over 12 years old, to discuss the Sunday sermon. You can do this in an evening devotion or over lunch after service.

A few tips to get started: (1) Make this a phone-free conversation. You and your family put the phones away, except for the person who looks up the Scriptures. He/She would read the passage and then put his/her phone away. (2) Set the pace for how vulnerable to be. If you give a shallow answer, you are more likely to get a shallow answer from your kids. (3) Do not feel like you have to ask all of these questions. Just focus on having a good honest discussion.

Open with prayer, asking God to lead you to know more about Christ and live like Him.

- What stood out to you from the sermon this week? What challenged or encouraged you?
- Many people believe there's lots of ways to God, but Christians believe there is one way – Jesus. Why do you think this makes people mad?
- **Read John 14:1-7, Acts 4:11-12, and 1 Timothy 2:5-6.** How are these passages related?
- If Jesus is the only way to God, what does that tell you about God?
- If Jesus is the only way to God, what might a non-believer think about God?
- What does the word "intolerant" mean? (*Parent note: The word means to lack respect for other people's beliefs, if they are different from yours.*)
- Many people say that saying Jesus is the "only way" to God is intolerant. What do you think? How might you respond to someone who said that this is intolerant?
- If someone had a headache and you know aspirin would help, is it intolerant to say so? Why or why not?
- Why is it hard to talk about Jesus with your friends?
- Take a few moments to think of someone you know who doesn't have a saving relationship with Jesus. Pray the Holy Spirit will open that person's heart to the Gospel, and make a specific plan on how you'll start a discussion with him/her.
- What is one thing you want to put in practice from these passages or the sermon?

Ask if there is some way you can pray for your family members, and then close in prayer.



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