Small Group Discussion Guide

"At the Movies" (pt. 5) -10/12/2014

Scripture: John 14:1-14

Bottom Line: Jesus is the way to God, the truth we seek, and the life we long for.

INTRODUCTION: Go around the room and have everyone briefly describe their ultimate vacation. Life is definitely not a vacation but knowing Jesus gives us a better life than we could have ever had apart from him. It may not be a life of health, wealth, and privilege, but it is a life of purpose, value, and love. The best part of all is that we get to be with Jesus forever!

UNPACKING THE GOSPEL IN THE BIBLE:

Read John 14:1-14

Jesus said that he is preparing a place for you. How does this promise affect your present life? How often do you dwell on being with Jesus?

• Perhaps if we spent a little more time dwelling on the promises of God then we would find it easier for our hearts not to be troubled in our present lives.

What gives Jesus the right to say that, "He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life"?

Does this mean that other faith (religions) are not the way to God?

• This passage along with many others (Acts 4:12) tell us plainly that the only way to know God and be given eternal life is to place your trust in Jesus Christ. All other religions teach a message contrary to this, that by one's works they are made right with God. Therefore, they cannot be accurate.

Are you offended by Jesus being the truth? What does this reveal about your heart?

• We live in a society that loves relative truth. Some are deceived to think that the truth of the gospel isn't necessary for all people. Yet, Christians believe that Jesus is the truth that everyone needs.

What does it mean that Jesus is the life, and what does that change about your life?

Jesus performed amazing miracles. How could he possibly say that we would do greater things than him?

• It's not that the deeds of the church are more supernatural than Jesus' but our deeds will be greater in worldwide scope because the Holy Spirit has spread Christianity throughout the world.

LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE:

How should we respond to Jesus' claim that he is the way, the truth, and the life?

- Pray that God would do greater things at the Crossing Church through us.
- That we would take greater responsibility for making him known in our neighborhoods, city, etc.