

5/17/20 - I AM - The Way, Truth, and Life

John 14:1-7 study notes/questions

Questions of then/there...

What was going on that the disciples were troubled? (look at John 13:31-32)

How does Jesus' description of the Father's house help to not allow our hearts to be troubled? (look at John 14:3)

How does Jesus prepare the place for his disciples?

Why do Thomas and Philip not understand? How is Jesus' response to both of them similar?

Meditation

Meditate on John 14:6

Questions of here/now...

How does the truth that Jesus has prepared a place for us act as a source of comfort?

What does it mean that Jesus is our way to life with God?

In what ways have people been more interested in "becoming a Christian" than deliberately following the way of Jesus?

Look at Luke 18:18-30 – what is Jesus' response to the question about eternal life? Why was it so difficult for the man?

How is Jesus' response in Luke 18:29-30 similar to our passage in John 14?



Object Lesson: Traveling Through Paper

What you need:

- 1. Paper
- 2. Scissors

When Jesus says, "I am the truth," he's declaring that the way he sees the world is the correct way, even when we can't understand it. To illustrate this idea, we're declaring that you can travel through a piece of paper. Do you believe this?

Instructions:

- 1. Take your piece of paper and fold it like a hot dog.
- 2. Make slits on both sides into the fold you just made with your scissors, cutting towards the open side of the piece of the paper. Open up the piece of paper, and cut along the fold on the inside of the paper. If you want to follow along with a video for this part, here's a Youtube tutorial.
- 3. When we follow Jesus, he changes us and the way we see the world. Think of this paper as yourself, being changed to illustrate the truth of Jesus's world. Fold the paper back into hotdog style again, and take your scissors and alternate cutting between the folded side and open side, all the way down the length of the paper. As the paper is changed, you start to see how this statement might be possible.
- 4. Open up the paper. Can you travel through it? We can trust that when we allow Jesus to change us, his commands are possible.



Community Project

Draw a picture of a compass and it add to your sacred space this week! This represents that Jesus is the Way. We gather to be empowered and impacted by Jesus, to learn His Way. Let that space be a visual reminder of who Jesus says he is.

